



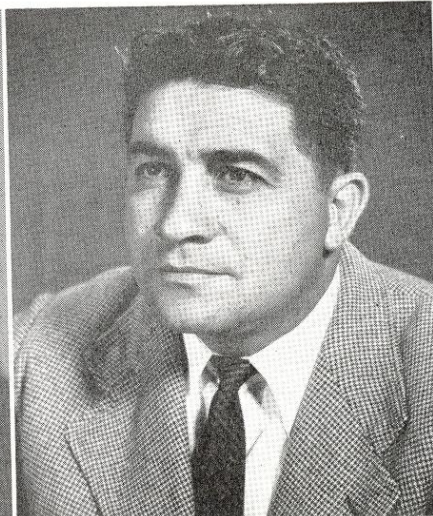
TOM NUGENT
Head Coach

FOOTBALL COACHES

Florida State can boast of one of the best coaching staffs in the business. Head coach Tom Nugent is in his fourth year as Seminole mentor, with a staff of top-flight assistants, all of which have boosted FSU to the status of a major football threat. Nugent jumped the Seminoles into big-time ranks this year, and brought his young team through with a 5 and 5 total. With him guiding the hands of first-rate gridmen FSU looks forward to bigger and better years ahead.



BOB HARBISON



VAUGHN MANCHA



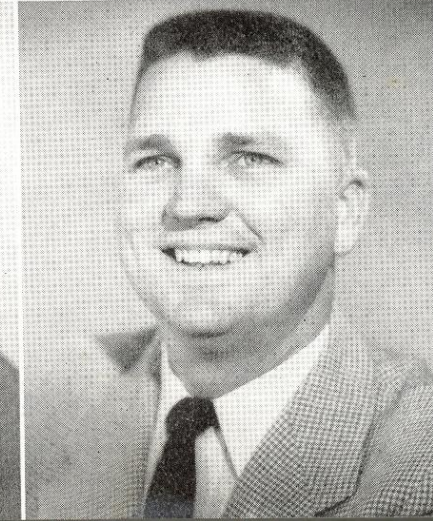
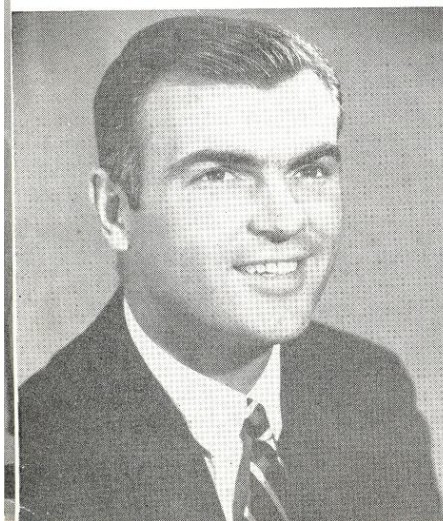
WIN SIEGFRIED

VINCE RAGUNAS

FRANK TOOMEY

HUGH ADAMS

DON FAULS
Trainer



This was the kind of football played this season, hard-hitting, hard-driving, clean and sharp.



THE 1955 SEMINOLE STORY

Offsetting a rugged start, losing four of their first five starts, Florida State's gridmen made their first year in major college football a successful one with a fast finish.

Few schools which have only been playing football for eight years can show an even record in their first year in the "big time" as the Seminoles did.

North Carolina State, Furman, Villanova, The Citadel and Tampa, fell before the Tribe gridders in fast succession, and only a few minutes of playing time kept Virginia Tech from the list of victims.

The Seminoles took to the gridiron against some of the big names in college football - Miami, Georgia, Georgia Tech, and small-but-tough Mississippi Southern. The Tribe lost these games, but it was the force of numbers, size and experience that licked them, certainly not the lack of plenty of scrap and aggressiveness. Offensively and defensively the Seminoles gave coaches like Andy Gustafson and Wally Butts something to chew their fingernails and worry about until they had poured enough men into the game to wear the Seminoles down, then the finish came easily.

Most of Nugent's ace runners will be back for the 1956 season, including a top flight transfer named Bob Renn, who will be vying for honors in the QB slot in the Fall. Juniors Lee Corso, Buck Metts and Bill Odom (who incidentally ranked sixth this year in national kickoff return statistics) led the team in most of the rushing departments, while Len Swantic and Vic Prinzi shared the QB duties during most of the season.

Defensive standouts during the 1955 season were tackles Bill Proctor, and Don Powell, guards Leo Baggett, Vince Gibson, Al Pacifico and Jerry Jacobs; center Bob Crenshaw, and sophomore ends Ronnie Schomburger and Ham Bisbee.

Over all, the season was the turning point in Seminole gridiron history. It was that jump from small-time, unnoticed play, into the big fellows competition. The year was a valuable teacher imparting the necessary knowledge to put the Seminoles on an even keel in 1956 when once again they meet the Hurricanes and Bulldogs, and add rugged Auburn to their list of opponents.

In the words of Coach Nugent, "Look out for 1956 and 1957 when this gang gets moving!"

Tough opponents don't fall at a touch. The Seminoles had to get their men the hard way.



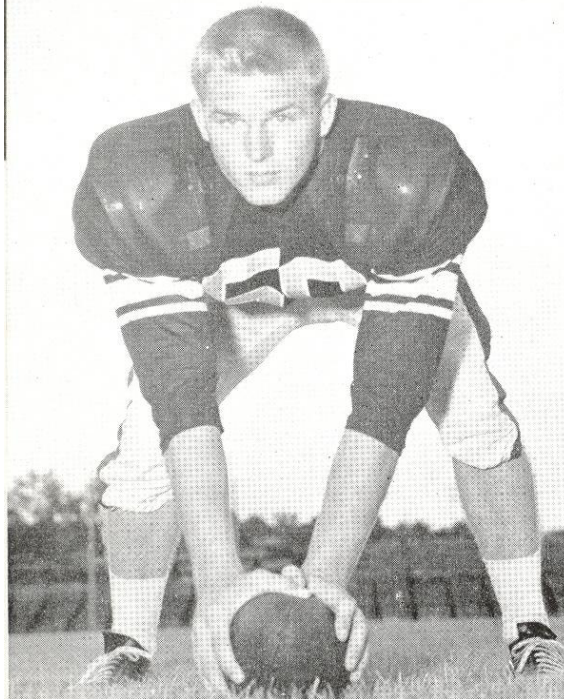
F O O T B A

1955 TEAM STATISTICS

FSU		OPPONENTS
72	First downs, rushing	103
41	First downs, passing	44
8	First downs, penalty	6
121	Total first downs	153
1517	Yards rushing	1960
990	Yards passing	1089
2507	Total net yards	3049
147	Passes attempted	146
75	Passes completed	73
10	Passes intercepted by	12
53	Number of punts	50
37.3	Punting average	32.8
14	Fumbles lost	18
57	Penalties	60
585	Yards penalized	590

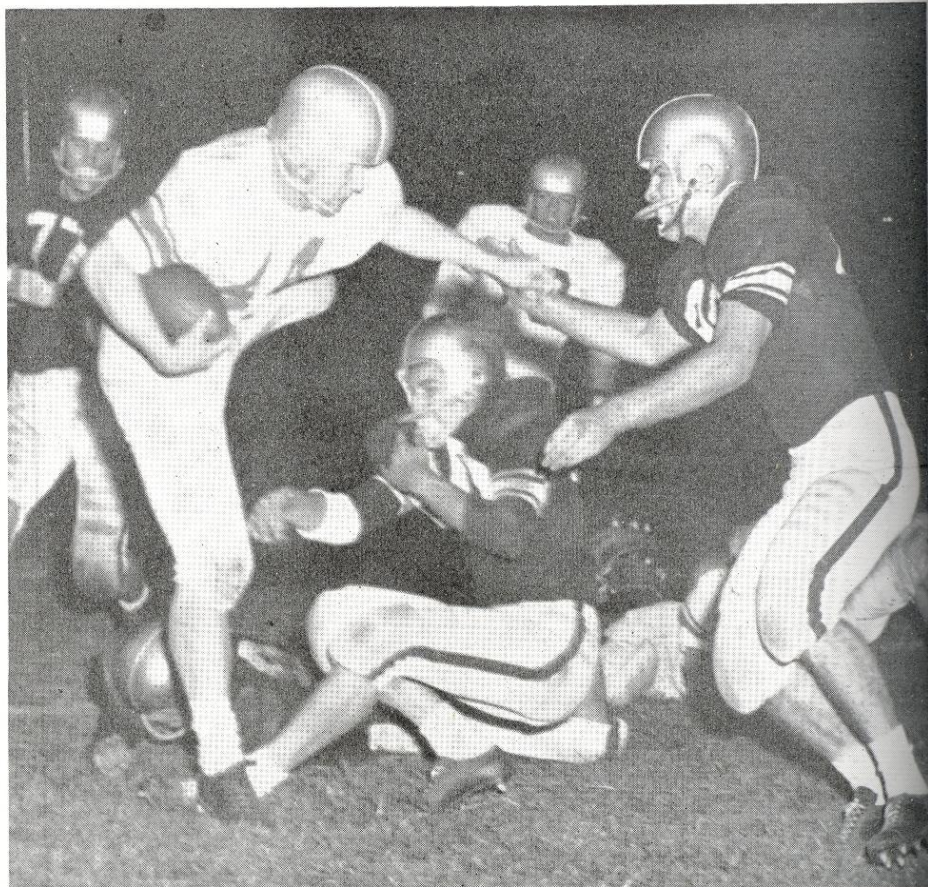
1956 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 22	OHIO UNIVERSITY	Tallahassee
September 29	GEORGIA	Athens, Ga.
October 6	VIRGINIA TECH	Tallahassee
October 13	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	Raleigh, N. C.
October 20	WAKE FOREST (<i>Homecoming</i>)	Tallahassee
October 27	VILLANOVA	Philadelphia, Pa.
November 2	MIAMI	Miami
November 10	FURMAN	Tallahassee
November 17	MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN	Tallahassee
November 24	AUBURN	Auburn, Ala.



DON POWELL, tackle
Senior . . . Birmingham, Ala.

BOB CRENSHAW, center
Senior . . . Miami
1955 CO-CAPTAINS



Tough Seminoles showed they could only be beaten by size and numbers.

F.S.U. 7 — N.C. STATE 0

TALLHASSEE, Sept. 17. — A fourth quarter pass good for 49 yards from Len Swantic to big Tom Feamster broke up a scoreless deadlock and carried Florida State to a 7-0 victory over North Carolina State in the opening game here tonight.

The victors had driven from their own 13 to the State 49 and a third down situation with three inches to go when Swantic dropped back and lofted one to the giant Feamster at the Wolfpack 35. The only man who could have stopped him was a half step ahead of the play and by the time he turned around it was much too late to do so.

The Seminoles' biggest thrust of the first half was bogged down on the visitors' 25 by a pass interception midway in the same quarter and the half ended 0-0.

N.C. State took the kickoff on their 15 to open the second half and immediately marched to the Seminole 11 on the running of speedy George Marinkov primarily. There the Seminoles held once more but on the ensuing play, Swantic fumbled and the Wolfpack was once again in scoring position at the FSU 4.

However, there the Tribe forward wall refused to give an inch and after three plays Carolina lost two yards, a fourth down field goal failed, and FSU took over.

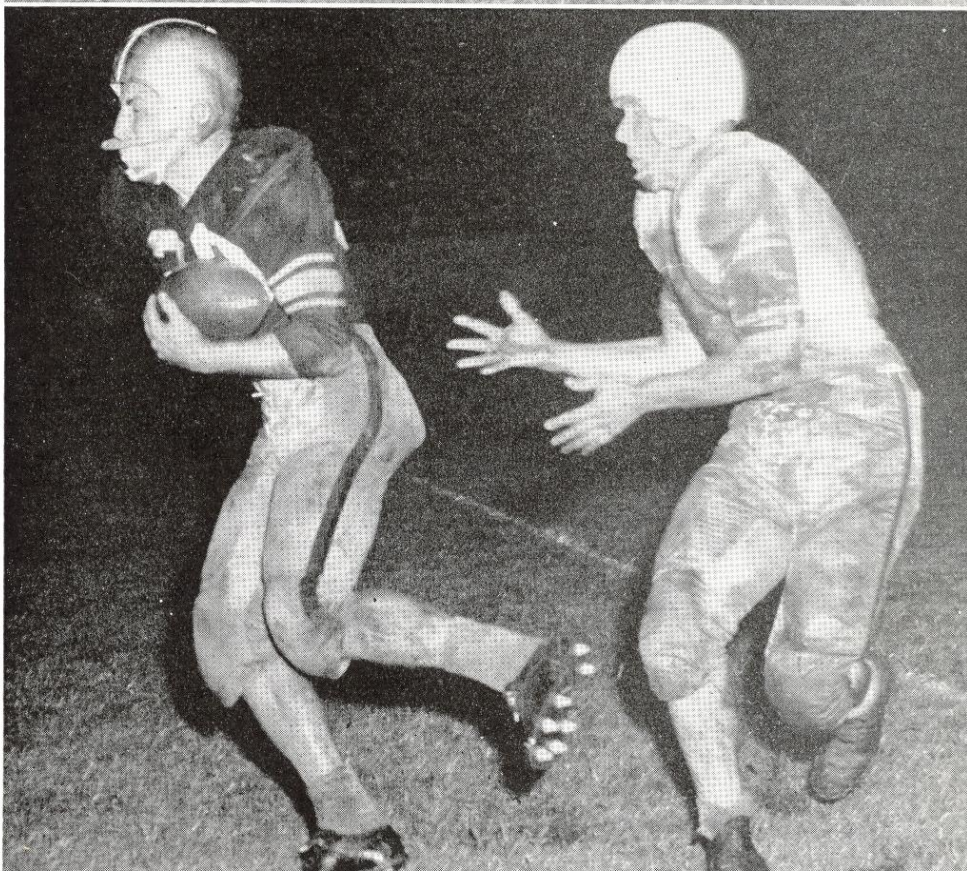
A punting duel then ensued until midway in the final period when the Seminoles took it on their 13 and marched to the winning score on Swantic's timely toss. State took the kickoff back to the Seminole 28, but Corso's second interception kept the winners safe with only seconds to go.

Feamster was outstanding on both offense and defense all night long, and tackle Vince Gibson led a rough FSU line that refused to give when the chips were down.

It was the first official game in major-college ball for the Seminoles, and all in all a fine start.

THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	N.C. STATE
First Downs	8	12
Rushing Yardage	115	167
Passing Yardage	105	28
Passes Att.	10	11
Passes Comp.	6	5
Passes Int. by	2	1
Punts	5	3
Punting Ave.	32	35
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yards Penalized	57	10



Upper—N. C. State's Marinkov takes off on one of the jaunts which kept FSU fans on the edge of their seats. Corso and Swantic brought him sliding to the muddy turf.

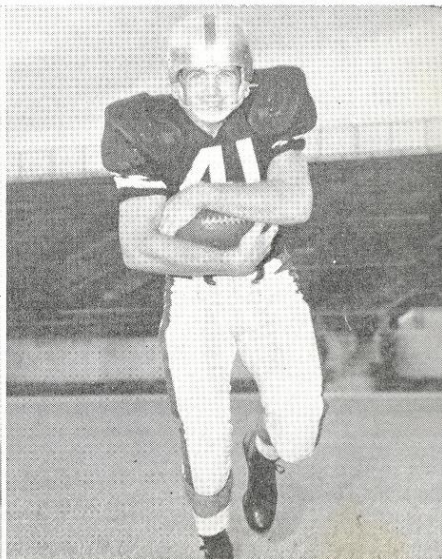
Lower—Corso literally snatches the ball from the hands of a NCS receiver and picks up yardage in the Seminole's first win of the season.

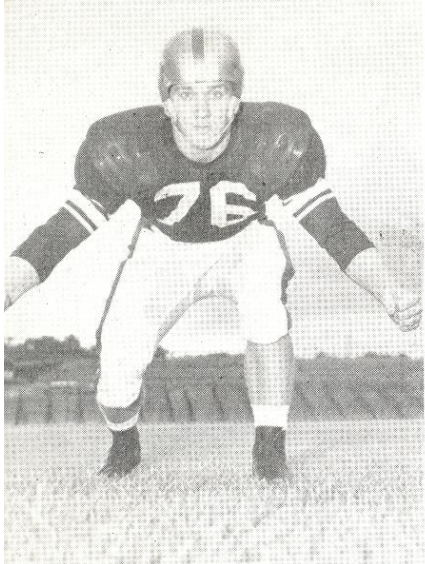
TOM FEAMSTER, end
r... 6-7, 250... Warwick, Va.

JERRY JACOBS, guard
Senior... 6-1, 205... South Bend, Ind.

BOB BARBER, fullback
Junior... 5-11, 210... Belle Glade

BUD LEONARD, fullback
Junior... 5-11, 200... Ocala

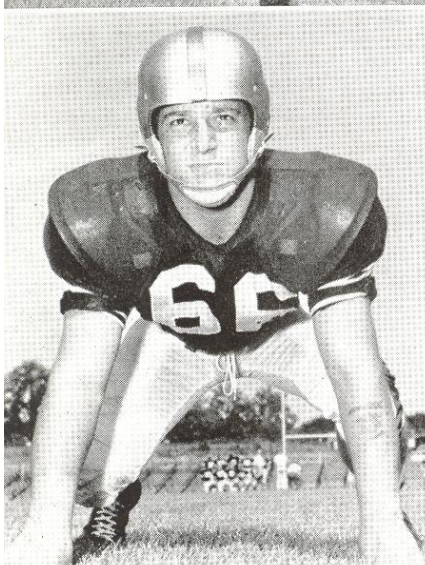




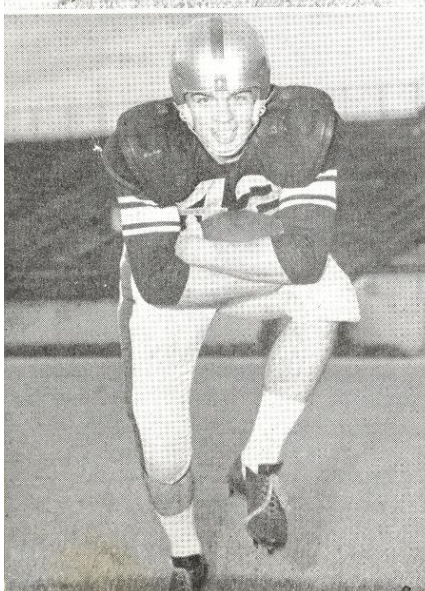
RAY STAAB, center
junior . . . 5-11, 205
Charleston, W. Va.



JOE HOLT, fullback
sophomore . . . 5-10, 180
Graham, N. C.



AL PACIFICO, guard
junior . . . 5-7, 203
Altoona, Pa.



JOHN GRINER, fullback
senior . . . 5-10, 175
Jacksonville



Hurricane QB Bonofiglio tries to side-step Len Swantic (12) but FB Joe Holt made sure it was just a step he took. The Seminoles fought defiantly against a stronger Miami eleven, but took a bow, 34-0.

P L A Y E R S

F.S.U. 0 — MIAMI 34

MIAMI, Sept. 30. — The famed "drive series" of the University of Miami opened up for two quick touchdowns in the early moments of the second half to turn a close game into a rout and carry the Hurricanes to an easy 34-0 victory over Florida State's Seminoles before a record-breaking opener crowd of over 42,000 in the Orange Bowl here tonight.

Two first quarter touchdowns had made it 13-0 at the halftime but Coach Nugent's undermanned Seminoles couldn't keep pace with Miami's powerful offense in the third period and it became immediately evident that this was not Florida State's night.

The Seminoles did get some condolence out of stopping the U of M's All-America candidate Whitey Rouviere. The Miami speedster could get but 19 yards in 10 tries from scrimmage, considerably less than he got in the first game of the year against strong Georgia Tech.

Excepting that, however, there were few bright spots for the FSU supporters who made the trip to see their boys in action. The Hurricanes seemingly moved the ball at will and in contrast the Seminoles' offense was surprisingly impotent.

Only once could the young charges of Tom Nugent enter the enemy's territory, that on a punt return to the Miami 48 by Buck Metts in the second quarter. Injuries to Len Swantic and Lee Corso hurt the Seminoles immeasurably in the late part of the contest when Miami moved about as they chose.

Coach Nugent was high in his praise of linebackers Joe Holt and Bob Crenshaw, who led both teams in tackles and assists for the night. The loss of guard Al Pacifico before gametime hurt the team badly in the center of the line, however.

THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	MIAMI
First Downs	5	22
Rushing Yardage	78	268
Passing Yardage	48	88
Passes Att.	11	12
Passes Comp.	4	4
Passes Int. by	1	2
Punts	8	5
Punting Ave.	31.4	37.6
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Yards Penalized	26.4	45

TALLAHASSEE, Oct. 8. — The Florida State Seminoles put on a sensational last-ditch rally to score three times in the fourth quarter, then saw the Gobblers of VPI take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime break to beat them, 24-20.

With a near-capacity Band Day crowd looking on, the visitors rushed into a 21-0 lead in the first three quarters and appeared to have run away with the contest, when the Seminoles suddenly found themselves in the final period.

With halfback Billy Odom leading the way, the Tribe drove to a score in the early moments of the quarter to make it a 21-7 game, but then the breaks went against them. Tackle Bill Proctor attempted an onside kick, but missed the ball and the Gobblers were given possession at the Seminole 40.

Four plays later, the visitors kicked a 23-yard field goal and for all practical purposes the game was over. The Tribe would not die however. On the ensuing kickoff, Billy Odom brought the crowd to their feet with a sensational 89-yard touchdown run, the longest kickoff return in school history.

VPI could not move after the kickoff and after taking a punt on their 41, the Seminoles came back 59 yards to score again with halfback Lee Corso leading the way. It was just too late, though, and the contest ended with VPI in possession.

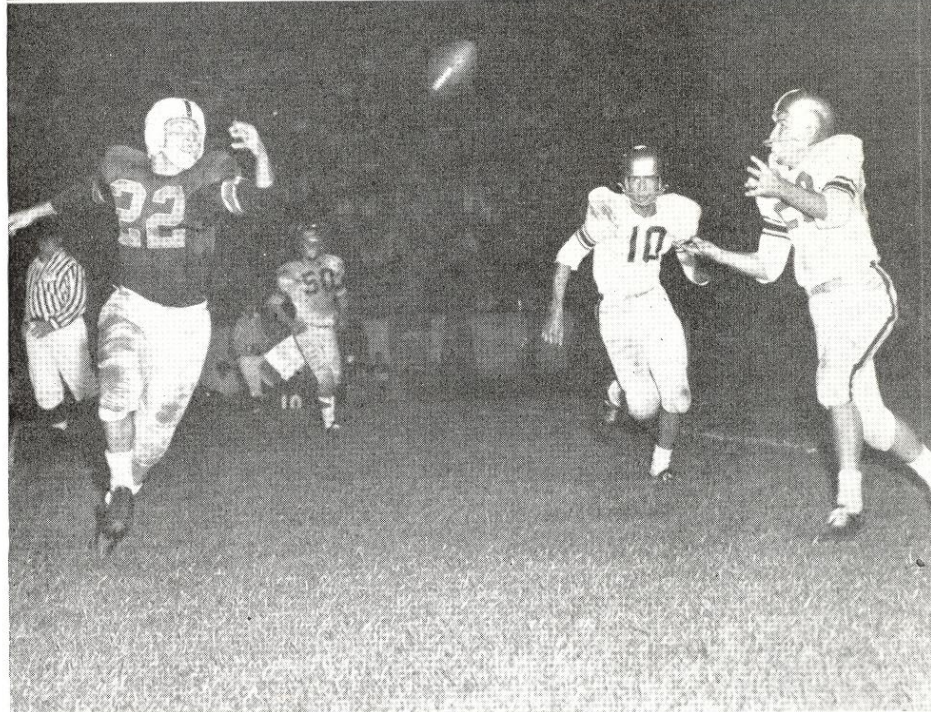
For three quarters, it was all VPI as the Gobblers flashed one of the sharpest offensives the Seminoles will see all year. Statistically, the visitors had things all their own way, but statistics don't mean anything to the Seminole fans who saw that great fourth quarter spurt.

Numerous fumbles halted the majority of VPI's drives in the first quarter, but they tallied twice in the second period, the last one set up when a pass interception and 72-yard run by center Jack Prater broke up the Tribe's only serious threat of the half at the VPI 15.

The Seminoles found the right combination with Vic Prinzi at the helm, Corso and Odom at the halves and Bud Leonard at fullback late in the third period, but the hands of fate and lack of time prevented them from taking charge.

Outstanding for the visitors was the field generalship and aerial arm of quarterback Bob Cranwell, while the running of Odom who did not start the game was the brightest spark in the losing FSU cause.

Another night, a good kick and things might have been a different story. Coach Nugent and the boys didn't have time to worry much about it because Georgia was next and the Bulldogs are no patsies.



Upper—Seminole QB Swantic looks for a way out from under the long arm of a VPI lineman.
Lower—Over the head of the VPI end and into the waiting arms of HB Lee Corso, Vic Prinzi (10) and Bob Crenshaw (50) are ready to run interference.

THE YARDSTICK

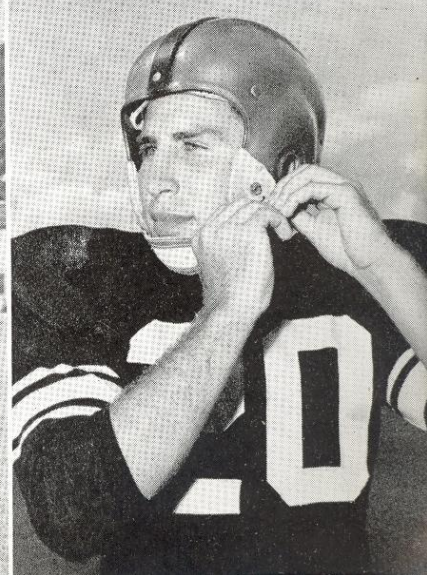
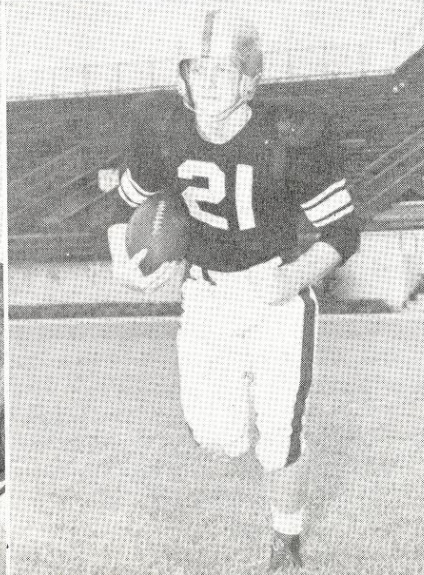
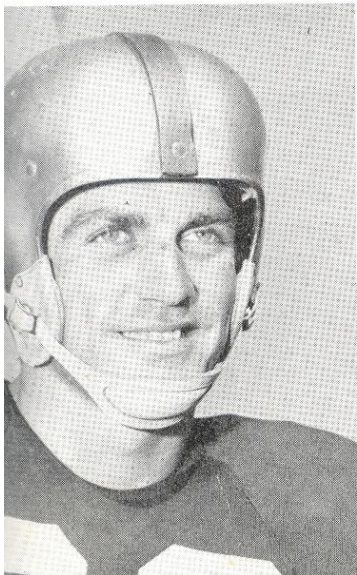
	FSU	VPI
First Downs	12	23
Rushing Yardage	93	247
Passing Yardage	123	173
Passes Attempted	18	17
Passes Completed	12	12
Passes Intercepted By	1	1
Punts	5	1
Punting Average	43.5	44
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Yards Penalized	30	77

TROY BARNES, tackle
 more . . . 6-2, 206 . . . Chicasaw, Ala.sophomore . . . 6-1, 190 . . . Pittsburgh, Pa.

RONNIE SCHOMBURGER, end

BILLY ODOM, halfback
 junior . . . 5-8, 165 . . . Mt. Dora

LEE CORSO, halfback
 junior . . . 5-11, 170 . . . Miami





Upper—Grim determination shows in Swantic's face as he evades two Bulldog defenders to rack up the first Seminole TD.
Lower—Fumble! Georgia QB Harper (on ground, right) lost the ball and Wilkins, (85) tries to recover. Schomburger (80) and Jacobs (61) move in to change his mind.

TALLAHASSEE, Oct. 15. — The University of Georgia football team passed through here tonight, and that's about all that most Seminole fans would like to remember about this game, a brutal 47-14 Georgia triumph before 21,000 fans.

The rising Bulldogs used every FSU miscue to their own advantage and turned a close game into a rout in the opening minutes of the second half. The Tribe held their opponents to a 13-7 lead at halftime, but early after the intermission the roof fell in.

On the first scrimmage play of the second half, fullback Garrard of Georgia broke through the Seminole line and galloped 67 yards for a TD. Less than three minutes later, the Bulldogs had scored again and opened things up, on a pass interception and a touchdown aerial from Harper to Wilkins.

Georgia took advantage of a break to score both times in the first half. A fumble by the Seminoles on the opening kickoff set up the first score. The Bulldogs pounced on it and marched 40 yards to make it 6-0 before four minutes of playing time had elapsed.

Late in the same period, a weak Georgia punt hit Seminole Don Powell and an alert Bulldog grabbed it to give the visitors possession on their own 33. Three pass plays later they had scored again and the Tribe was 13-0 down.

Down, but not out. With a 43-yard pass from Len Swantic to Ham Bisbee leading the way, the Seminoles marched to a score late in the second period, Swantic doing the dirty work himself from 12 yards out. At halftime it was still a game at 13-7.

Before the Marching Chiefs had time to all reach their seats in the stands after the halftime show, Garrard exploded like a mad bull on his touchdown run and minutes later it was 26-7.

The Tribe fought back, but the rugged, angry Bulldog would not be denied. Unfazed by a second FSU touchdown drive, he roared back for three more scores and the largest crowd in school history went home with a vivid memory of the roughest, toughest Georgia team seen in these parts in a long time.

Swantic, who scored both touchdowns, was the outstanding player on the field for FSU, although he didn't start the game. Lee Corso and Buck Metts showed encouraging ball-carrying ability though, and the Tribe ran up 121 yards on the ground against one of the toughest lines in the South.

Warned of a top-notch passing attack, the Seminoles certainly did not expect the hard-driving ground offensive that Georgia unleashed. The 283 yards the Bulldogs rolled up on the ground was more than even mighty Miami could get.

With Georgia Tech due next, Tallahassee fans were already looking towards the last five games of the season, when they hoped the Seminoles could put things on a more even basis. This business of big-time football is a tough one, the young Tribe was rapidly learning.

THE YARDSTICK

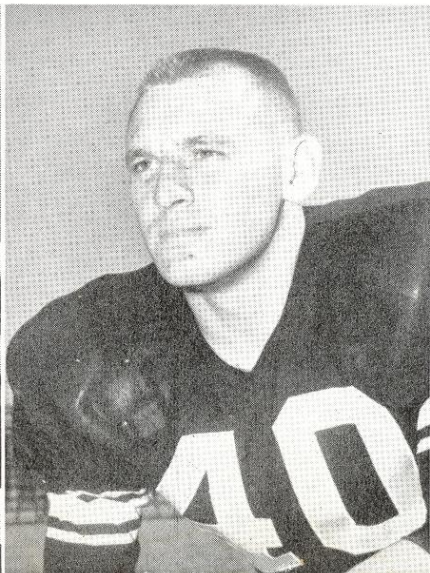
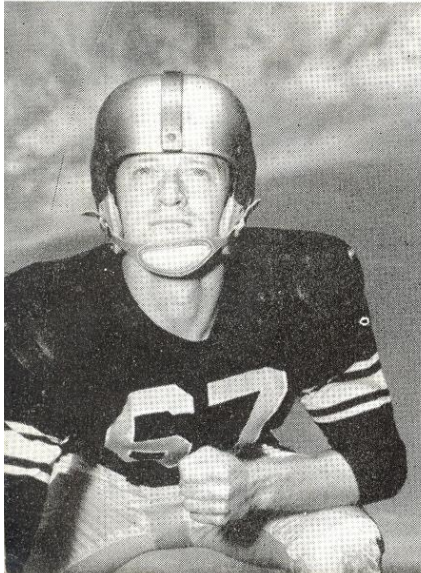
	FSU	GA.
First Downs	10	19
Rushing Yardage	121	283
Passing Yardage	98	154
Passes Attempted	17	18
Passes Completed	7	10
Passes Intercepted By	1	1
Punts	7	4
Punting Average	40	31
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Yards Penalized	115	60

BOB ELLIOTT, guard
 junior . . . 5-11, 185 . . . St. Petersburg

BUCK METTS, halfback
 junior . . . 5-10, 175 . . . Sanford

VINCE GIBSON, guard
 senior . . . 5-10, 185 . . . Birmingham, Ala.

LEN SWANTIC, quarterback
 junior . . . 5-11, 180 . . . Columbus,



F.S.U. 0 — GEORGIA TECH 34

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 22. — For 28 minutes a fired-up Florida State University football team shocked a near-capacity Grant Field crowd here this afternoon as they held Georgia Tech's gridiron powerhouse to a 7-0 lead with two minutes left in the first half.

Then the Tribe's depth gave out and Bobby Dodd's Yellow Jackets raced to three quick touchdowns, one just before the end of the half and two the first two times they handled the ball in the third period.

Their fourth straight defeat came much the same way as the first three for Coach Tom Nugent's Seminoles, as they were able to keep themselves on nearly even terms for most of the first half, but were forced to give when their manpower ran out in the second half.

Tech struck quickly after the kickoff, then had to wait until the end of the half before pushing across another score. The first time the Jackets got their hands on the pigskin, halfback George Volkert toted it 73 yards to put them in scoring position at the FSU 6.

There the Seminoles put on one of their many goal line stands of the first half, although it only delayed the inevitable Tech touchdown. Four running plays left Tech a foot short, and Seminole Buck Metts kicked out, only to have Wade Mitchell bring the punt back 39 yards to a touchdown and a 7-0 Tech lead.

A 32-yard screen pass from Len Swantic to Lee Corso gave the Tribe one of their few excursions into Tech territory after the kickoff, the play going to the locals' 43-yard line. The next three plays netted but two yards, and that was as far as the Seminoles ever got.

A 49-yard drive in the waning minutes of the half got Tech another score, and in the third period the roof fell in on the Seminoles' hopes of an upset. Coach Dodd just cleaned the bench and overpowered the Tribe with his bench strength.

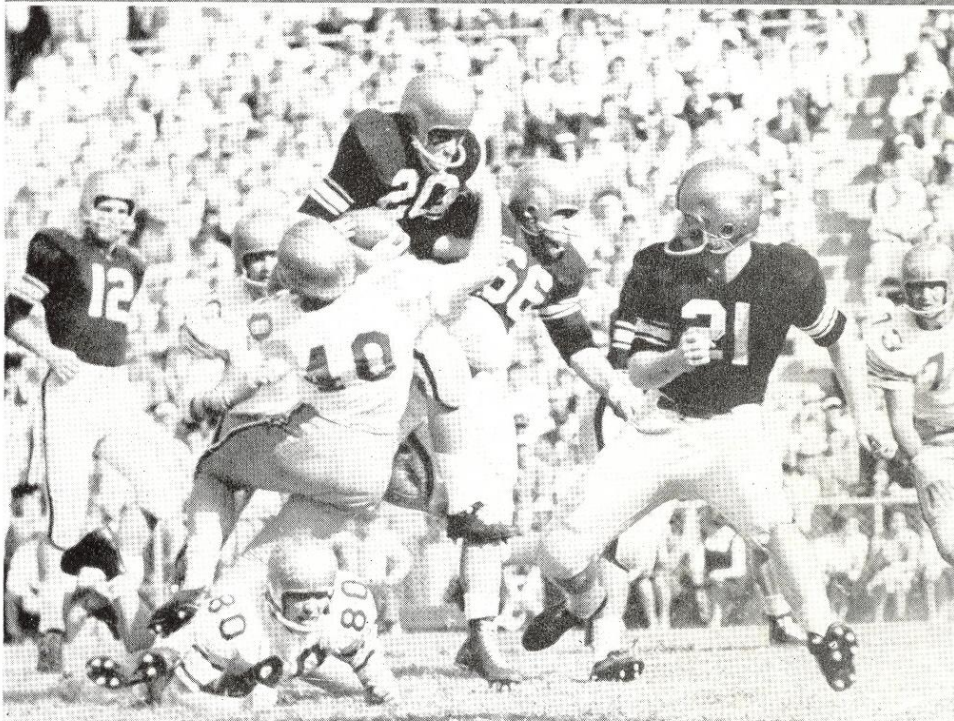
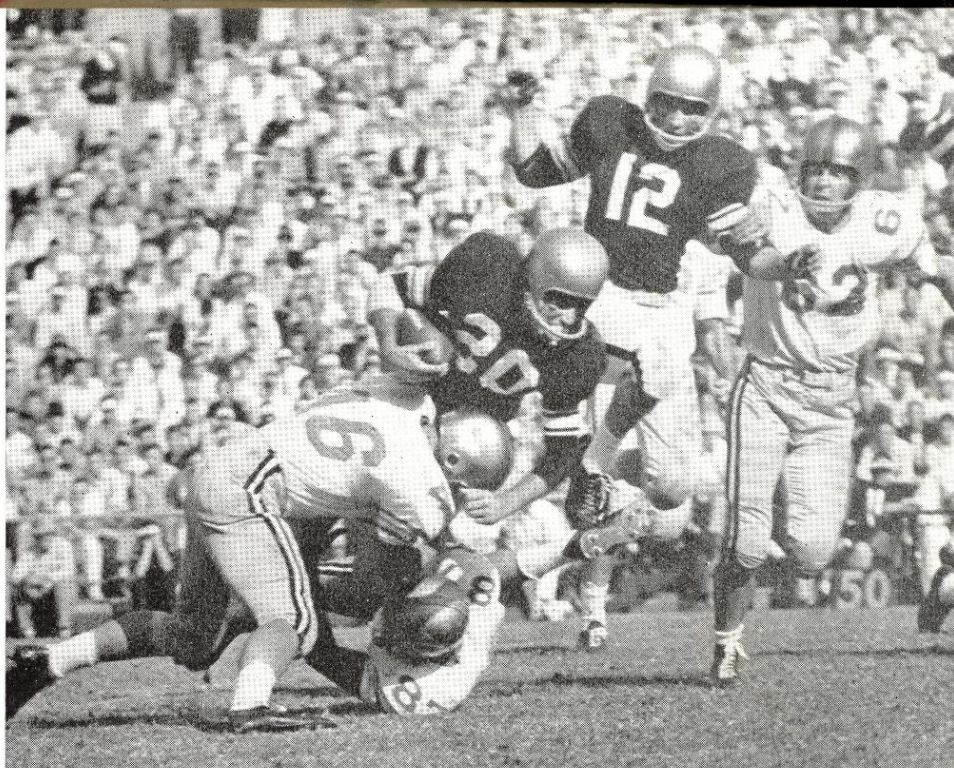
Quarterback Poppy Vann climaxed a 59-yard march by the Jackets after the third period kickoff, sneaking over from 1 yard out to make it 20-0. Corso bobbed the kickoff, and Tech pounced on it and shortly had themselves another score.

The Seminoles made a few other penetrations into Tech territory, but never threatened seriously against their vastly superior opponents. The Tribe made the Jackets wait until the final minute of play for their fifth score, which came on a 40-yard pass play.

Though the Tribe often halted the victors deep in FSU territory on the ground, key pass completions set up the Tech scores at crucial moments. It was another case of the Seminoles simply lacking the depth to cope with the big boys and Coach Tom Nugent was eagerly looking forward to the last five games of the season, which offered easier opposition.

THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	GA. TECH
First Downs	5	24
Rushing Yardage	71	290
Passing Yardage	64	152
Passes Attempted	3	11
Passes Completed	1	1
Passes Intercepted By	1	1
Punts	10	3
Punting Average	34.9	37
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Yards Penalized	109	100



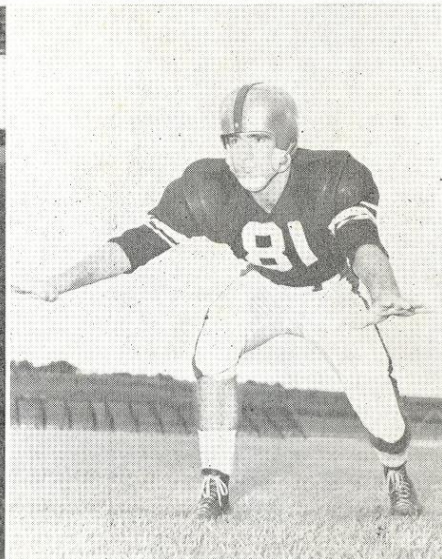
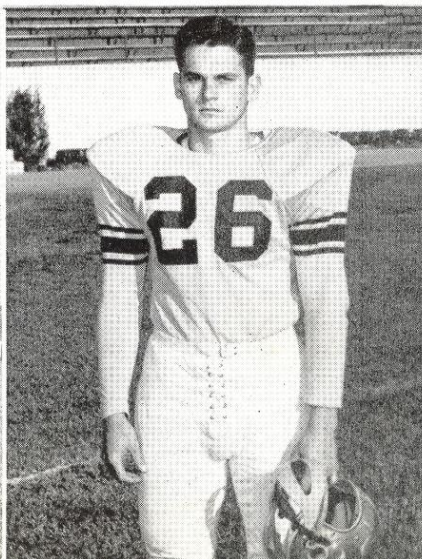
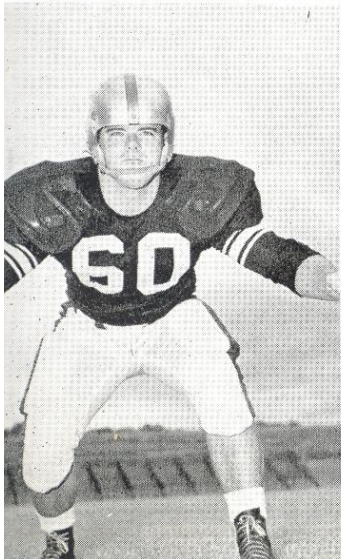
Upper—Corso (20) is stopped after a single yard gain by a determined Yellow Jacket line. Swantic (12) seems about to snap off someone's leg at the joint.

Lower—Corso again, breaking through with plenty of assistance from Pacifico (66) and Odom (21). This was a tough one for the Tribe; they dropped it, 34-0.

LEO BAGGETT, guard
ore ... 5-9, 195 ... Panama City sophomore ... 6-0, 175 ... Waverly, N. Y.

VIC PRINZI, quarterback
sophomore ... 6-0, 180 ... Miami

BILLY WEAVER, halfback
sophomore ... 6-1, 175 ... Sanford



F.S.U. 16 — VILLANOVA 13

TALLHASSEE, Nov. 5. — Guard Leo Baggett grabbed a fumble and fell into the end zone with the winning touchdown midway in the fourth quarter to climax one of the most unusual Seminole victories of the year here this afternoon, 16-13.

The first annual Dad's Day crowd of 9,700 watched the invaders grab an early lead, lose it then regain it as the Seminoles fought back time after time.

Baggett's timely recovery came after the Tribe had driven to a first down at the visitors' four-yard line then failed to score in this battle of mistakes and errors.

The Wildcats drove 61 yards to take a 7-0 margin early in the second period, but the fired-up Tribe marched back to the Villanova seven before being halted.

However, a low snap from center on an attempted punt gave the Tribe a break and end Ham Bisbee's diving tackle gave the locals a safety.

With a 15-yard penalty for illegal substitution setting back the invaders, the Tribe drove 47 yards to score after the kick-off and Bill Proctor's kick made it 9-7 at the halftime break.

A clipping penalty and a pass interception halted two Seminole drives at the start of the second half, and then Villanova grabbed the advantage again.

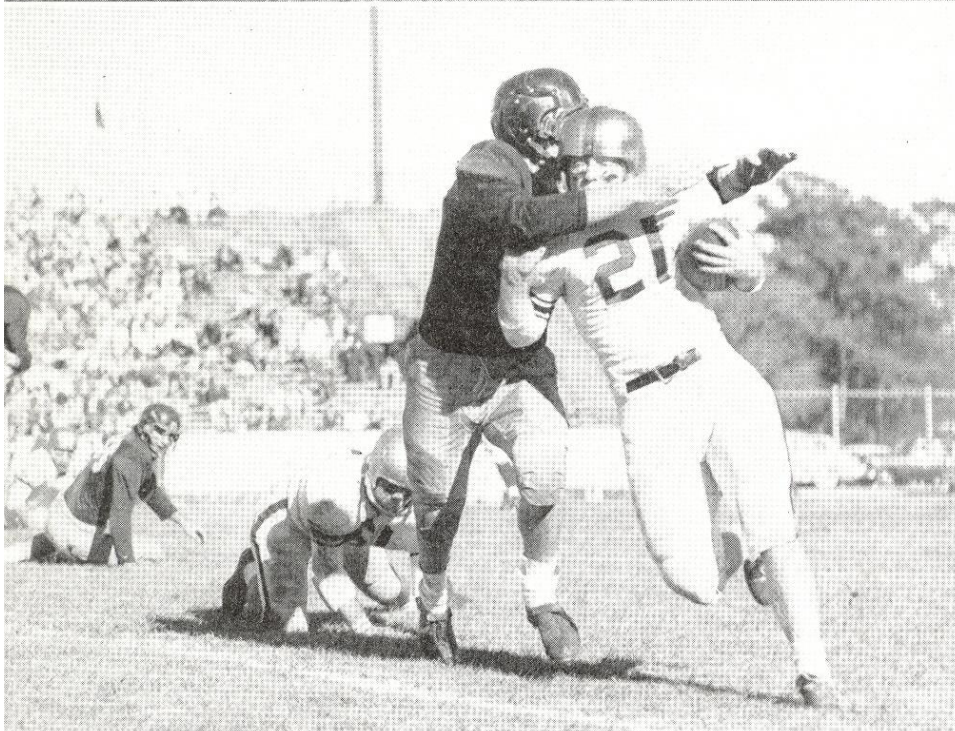
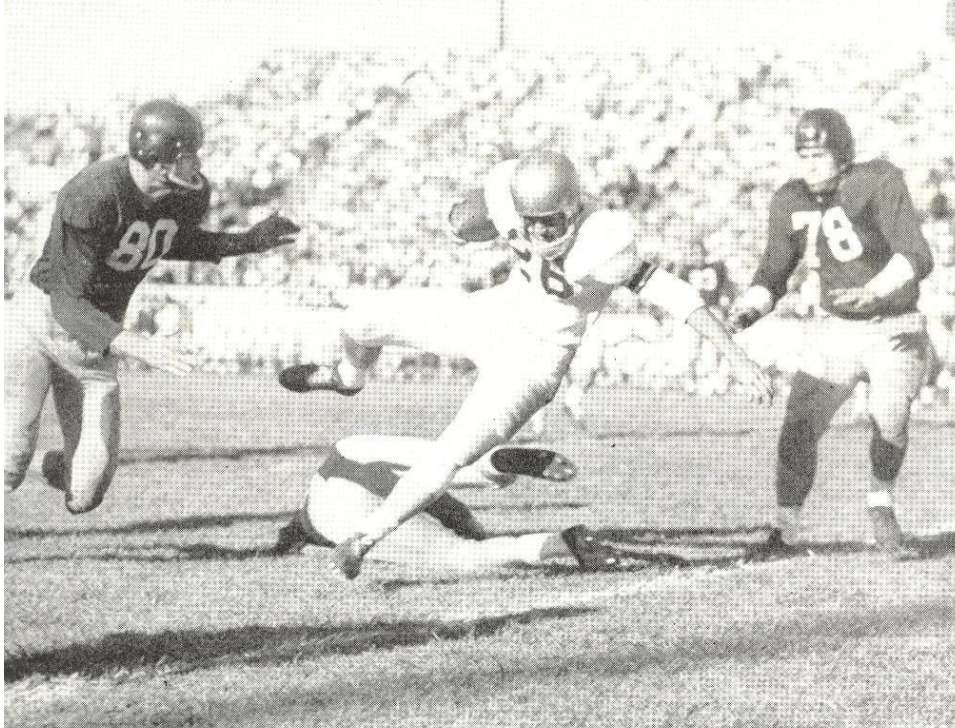
Quarterback Bill Magee snatched one of Len Swantic's passes out of the air and raced 64 yards to give the invaders a 13-9 lead and Tribe hopes fell.

Minutes later, the visitors fumbled and the Tribe was seemingly on their way to score again. The drive was halted in the shadow of the goal posts, however, and Villanova appeared to be in the driver's seat.

Magee fumbled, however, and Baggett pounced on it with the aid of a hard tackle by Vince Gibson. Proctor's extra point was all that was needed to clinch a happy Dad's Day for the Seminole fans.

THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	VILLANOVA
First Downs	13	12
Rushing Yardage	206	141
Passing Yardage	63	56
Passes Attempted	7	10
Passes Completed	3	7
Passes Intercepted By	0	2
Punts	5	7
Punting Average	42.2	27.6
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Yards Penalized	46	50

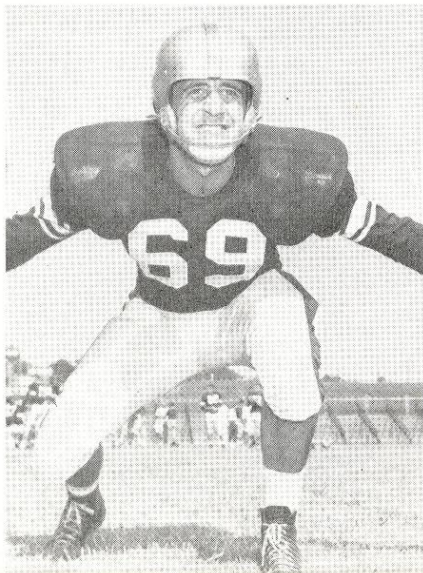


Upper—HB Bill Weaver leaps to avoid a fallen Villanova man and is brought down by McComb (80) and Barry (78) after picking up 37 yards on the pass from Corso.
Lower—Looks more like wrestling than football, but it stopped Bill Odom's jaunt goalward.

TED RODRIQUE, quarterback sophomore ... 5-11, 187 ... Lynn, Mass.

BILL PROCTOR, tackle senior ... 6-4, 235 ... Winter Park

PETE OVERTON, end sophomore ... 6-1, 180 Henderson, N. C.





Bill Weaver (26) breaks out on a run that put him far down in Furman territory. Numb fingers from frigid weather held the Seminoles to three TD's in downing the Purple Hurricanes, 19-6.

F.S.U. 19 — FURMAN 6

GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 11.— Fighting near-freezing temperatures and an inspired opponent, the Florida State Seminoles downed a battling Furman team, 19-6 here tonight.

A fired-up Furman team which had failed to win all season jumped the gun on the surprised Tribe and bolted to an early 6-0 lead in the first period.

Hampered by 38-degree weather, the Seminoles came back midway in the second period to knot the count, Joe Holt hitting pay dirt to climax a 63-yard drive.

The extra point missed the mark, though, and a surprised Florida State team left the field at the intermission in a 6-6 deadlock.

The Purple Hurricanes began to make mistakes in the third period, and the Tribe took immediate advantage of them.

A fumble set up the second Tribe score at the Furman 34, and a few plays later Bill Weaver took a pitchout 11 yards around end to make it 13-6.

Paced by sharp passing by quarterback Jim Boyle, the winless Furmans drove to the Tribe 39, but a penalty and a toughening Seminole defense halted proceedings at that point.

Halfback Lee Corso capped a 59-yard scoring drive with a touchdown from five yards out early in the final period, and after that it was all over.

Furman's red-hot aerial attack continued to puncture the Tribe defenses with the short passes, but to no avail as the Seminoles held on to their second straight win.

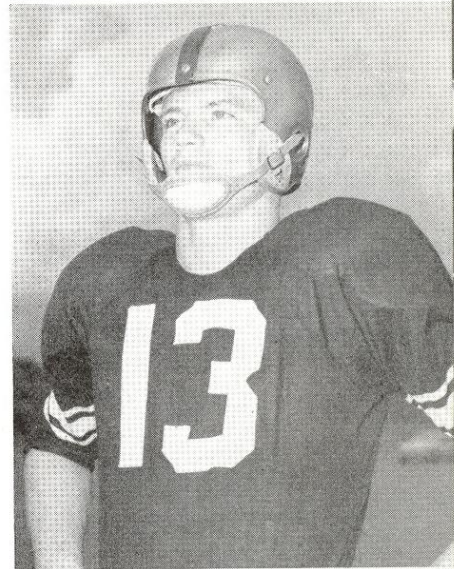
The victorious Seminoles ground out 251 yards rushing, and the Tribe forward wall held the opponents with a mere 66.

Passing-wise, the Seminoles were in trouble all the time, though. The Canes pitched for 215 yards in the air and were always threatening.

THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	FURMAN
First Downs	18	9
Rushing Yardage	251	66
Passing Yardage	98	215
Passes Attempted	13	21
Passes Completed	8	10
Passes Intercepted By	0	0
Punts	4	6
Punting Average	35.5	34.2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Yards Penalized	70	65

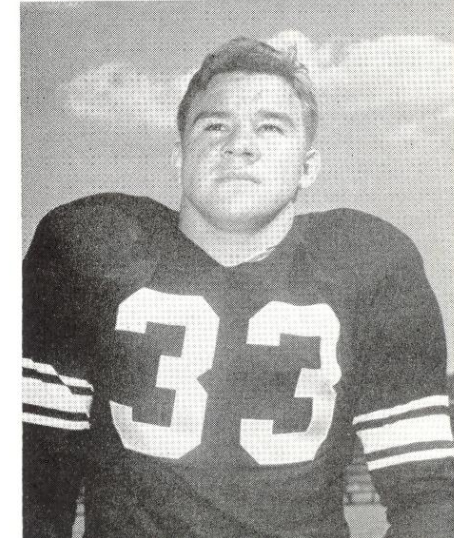
PAT VERSPRILLE
quarterback
sophomore . . . 6-2, 190
Norfolk, Va.



JERRY HENDERSON
halfback
sophomore . . . 5-11, 160
Pensacola



GENE COX, halfback
senior . . . 5-10, 175
Lake City



HOMECOMING

F.S.U. 39 — CITADEL 0

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 19. — Halfback Buck Metts scored his first three touchdowns of the year here today, all in the first half, to pace Florida State's Seminoles to a 39-0 Homecoming triumph over The Citadel.

With 15,756 students and grads looking on, Metts and halfback Billy Odom ran wild through the Bulldog defenses to make a shambles of an expected close game.

Thus the Tribe kept up its hopes of finishing the season with a winning record, chalking up their third straight triumph and evening their mark at 4-4 for the year.

Metts plunged three yards the second time the Seminoles got the ball, climaxing a 37-yard drive which made it 7-0. Just before the end of the first quarter, the 175-pound Sanford speedster plunged ten yards to climax an 80-yard drive and another FSU score.

With time running out in the first half, end Tom Feamster pounced on a Bulldog fumble at the visitors' 42, and shortly thereafter Metts grabbed a 10-yard heave from Len Swantic to make it 19-0.

On the first scrimmage play of the second half, the Tribe continued where they left off, as Odom drove 43 yards to put the Seminoles out of reach with a 26-0 lead.

Quarterbacks Swantic and Ted Rodrigue added the clinchers in the final period, but the opponents had run out of fight by this time and the grads were already beginning to celebrate.

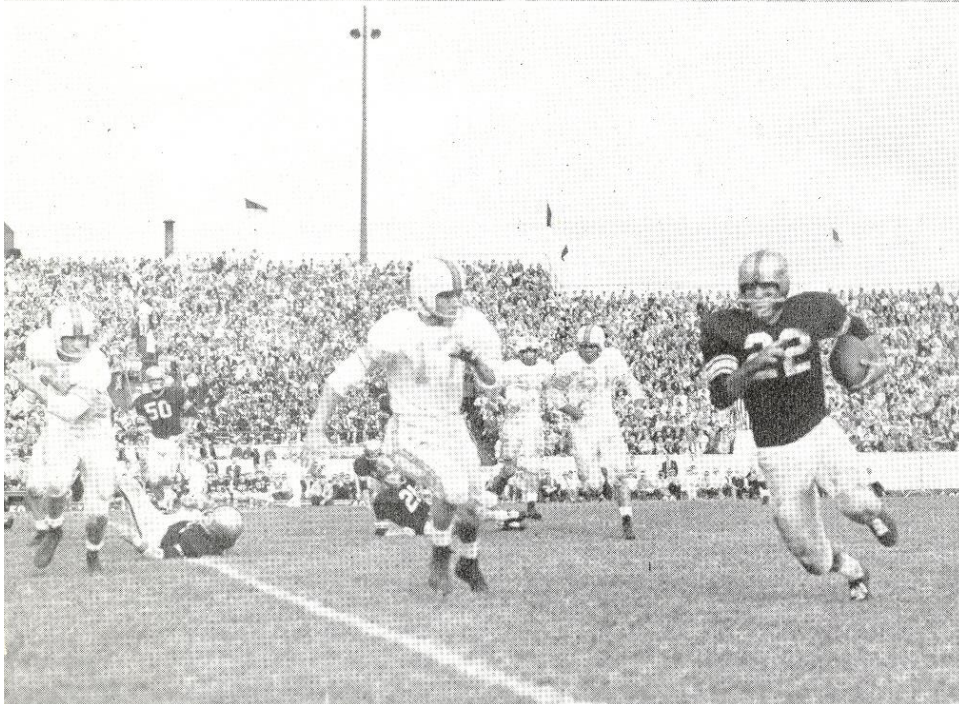
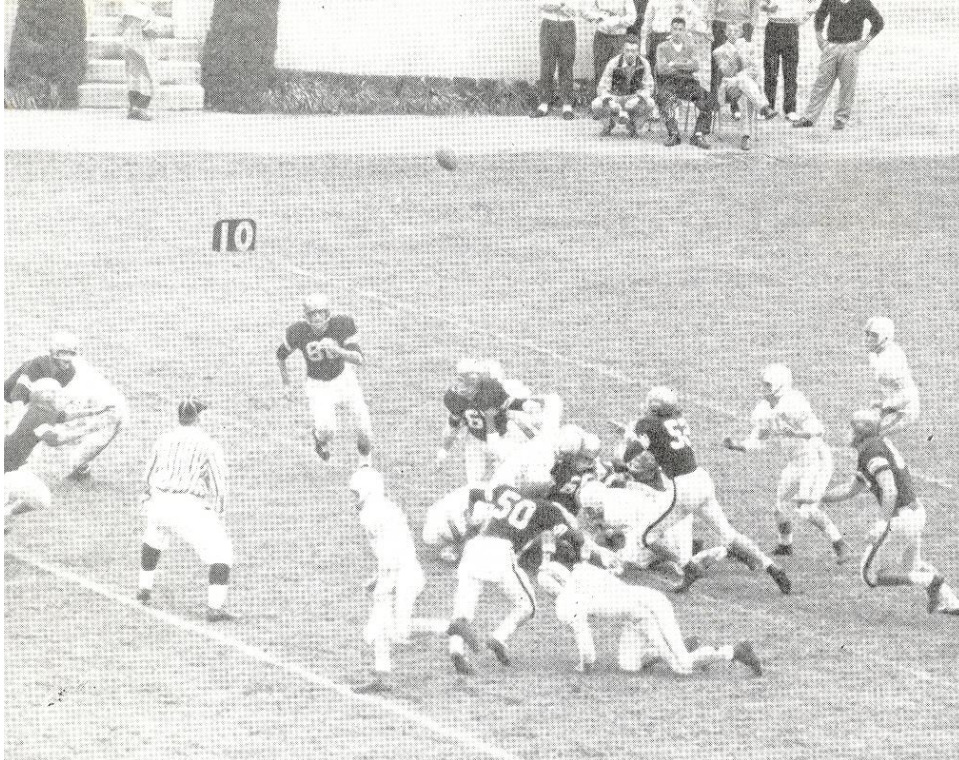
The Bulldogs fought their way to the Seminole 26 in the waning moments of the contest, but a pass interception by halfback Billy Weaver ended the visitors' only serious threat.

The Tribe ground out an unprecedented 355 yards on the ground, and added another 139 in the air that they didn't need.

It was the seventh success in eight homecoming contests for the Tribe, and all indications continued to point towards a successful season for Nugent's Seminoles.

THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	CITADEL
First Downs	21	11
Rushing Yardage	355	96
Passing Yardage	139	58
Passes Attempted	16	17
Passes Completed	9	4
Passes Intercepted By	3	1
Punts	3	9
Punting Average	44.5	32.9
Fumbles Lost	3	4
Yards Penalized	75	12



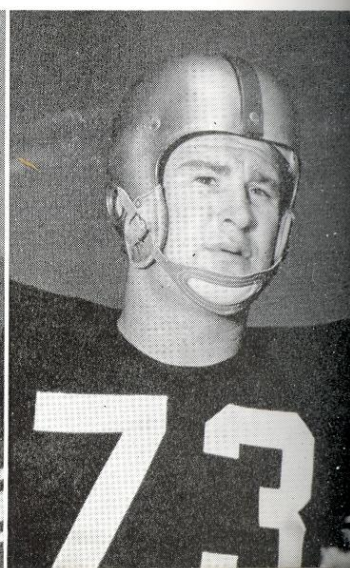
Upper—The ball's not in the center of that pile-up, but high above their heads (center) as confusion reigns in the opening play of the Homecoming game.

Lower—Buck Metts sweeps around end to try for another coup. He scored three times in the Seminole rout of the South Carolinians, 39-0.

WILLIE GARDNER, tackle sophomore . . . 6-0, 220 . . . Tampa

CHARLES KICKLIGHTER, tackle senior . . . 6-1, 211 . . . Savannah, Ga.

BILL MUSSELMAN, tackle sophomore . . . 5-11, 210 Lynchburg, Va.





The Seminoles made a valiant effort to match last year's defeat of the Colonels.

F.S.U. 6 — MISS. SOUTHERN 21

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Nov. 25. — A big, hard-charging Mississippi Southern line brought Florida State's dream of a winning season crashing to the muddy turf here tonight, 21-6.

With a chilly crowd of 7,000 fans looking on, the big Southern forwards limited the Seminoles to a mere 53 yards on the ground while their own backs ground out 310 to salt away their ninth win in ten starts.

The loss ended the Tribe winning streak at three games, and killed their chances of finishing with a winning mark, giving FSU a 4-5 mark with one game remaining.

Led by a hard-driving end named Harold Clark, the Southern linemen halted FSU drives at the 31, 20, 11 and 7-yard lines before the Seminoles broke through in the final quarter to avoid a shutout.

Short passes by quarterback Vic Prinzi who tossed for 163 yards all told, paced the Tribe's only scoring drive, a 51-yard jaunt after Southern had gained a 21-0 lead.

The winners utilized sudden death plays for long gains that set up all of their scores. A 37-yard pass play set up the first score which came on the final scrimmage play of the first period.

A 62-yard dash midway in the second period led to the second Southern tally, and a 29-yard pass play on fourth down directly produced the clincher in the final period.

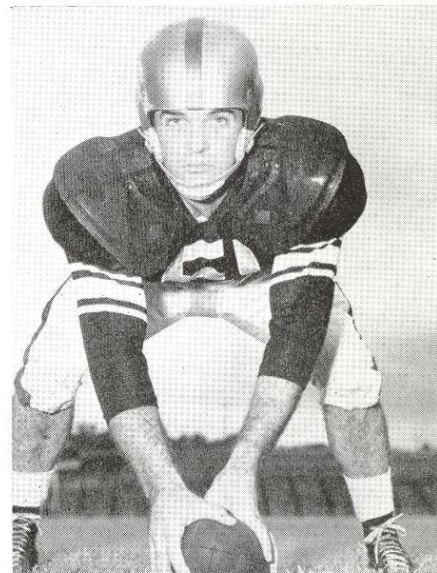
Hampered by the loss of Buck Metts, the hero of last week's Homecoming victory, the Tribe threatened many times to score on Prinzi's air arm, but the Sun-Bowl bound Southerners refused to let them into TD territory each time.

Metts was out with a knee injury and saw no action whatsoever, while center Bob Crenshaw was slowed considerably by a similar type ailment.

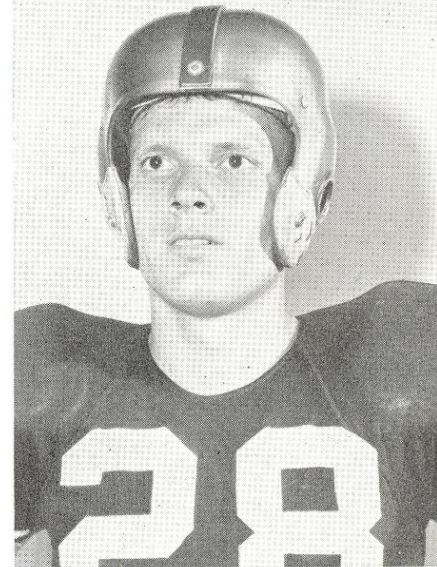
THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	SOUTHERN
First Downs	11	13
Rushing Yardage	53	310
Passing Yardage	163	93
Passes Attempted	29	6
Passes Completed	14	5
Passes Intercepted By	0	2
Punts	6	7
Punting Average	37.0	32.5
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Yards penalized	17	81

HOBO ACKERMAN
center
sophomore . . 5-11, 190
Hopewell, Va.

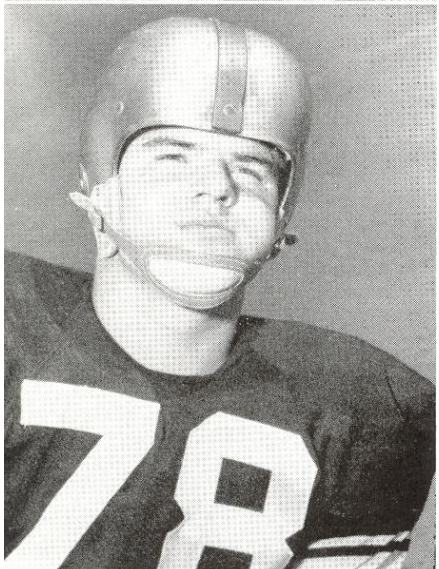
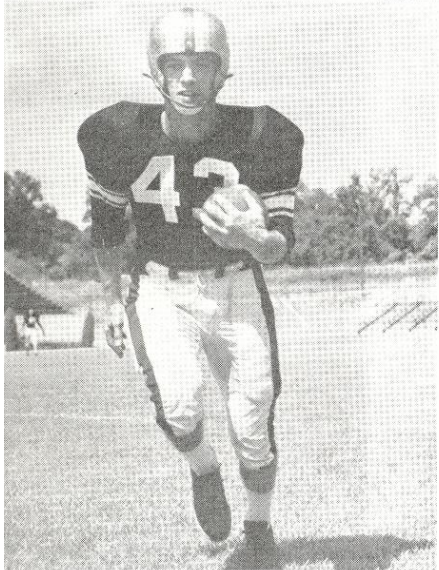


STEVEN DEAN
halfback
sophomore . . 5-10, 173
Oxford, N. C.



NORMAN OLSON
end
junior . . . 5-7, 171
Henderson, N. C.





CARMEN BATTAGLIA
halfback
sophomore . . . 5-8, 180
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

EMIL ABOOD, halfback
sophomore . . . 5-9, 170
Jacksonville

JOHN CRAIG, tackle
sophomore . . . 6-1, 200
Orlando

F.S.U. 26 — TAMPA 7

TAMPA, Dec. 5. — With a different man scoring in each quarter, Florida State's football team ended its season on a successful note by defeating the University of Tampa here, 26-7.

The contest ended an eight-year series between the two teams as Florida State announced immediately afterward that it was discontinuing the games between the two teams.

In winning their sixth game as against the Spartans' two, the Tribe was never in danger, scoring on three sustained touchdown drives of 67, 60, and 62 yards to even up their campaign at 5-5.

With ace halfback, Don Herndon, held to a mere 13 yards in six tries, the Tampans were unable to get out of their own territory until their 69-yard drive in the fourth quarter.

Buck Metts from five yards out, Len Swantic around end on a keeper play, and Lee Corso on a one-yard plunge were responsible for the first three FSU scores, and end Ham Bisbee blocked a punt then scored on a pass play for the fourth Seminole score.

Tackle Bill Proctor kicked the first extra point, and Corso sneaked over for the second one after Proctor faked a kick.

The Tribe's big ends, Ronnie Schomburger and Tom Feamster, kept Tampa's favorite end-around play under wraps until the final quarter when the Seminoles had already scored all their points.

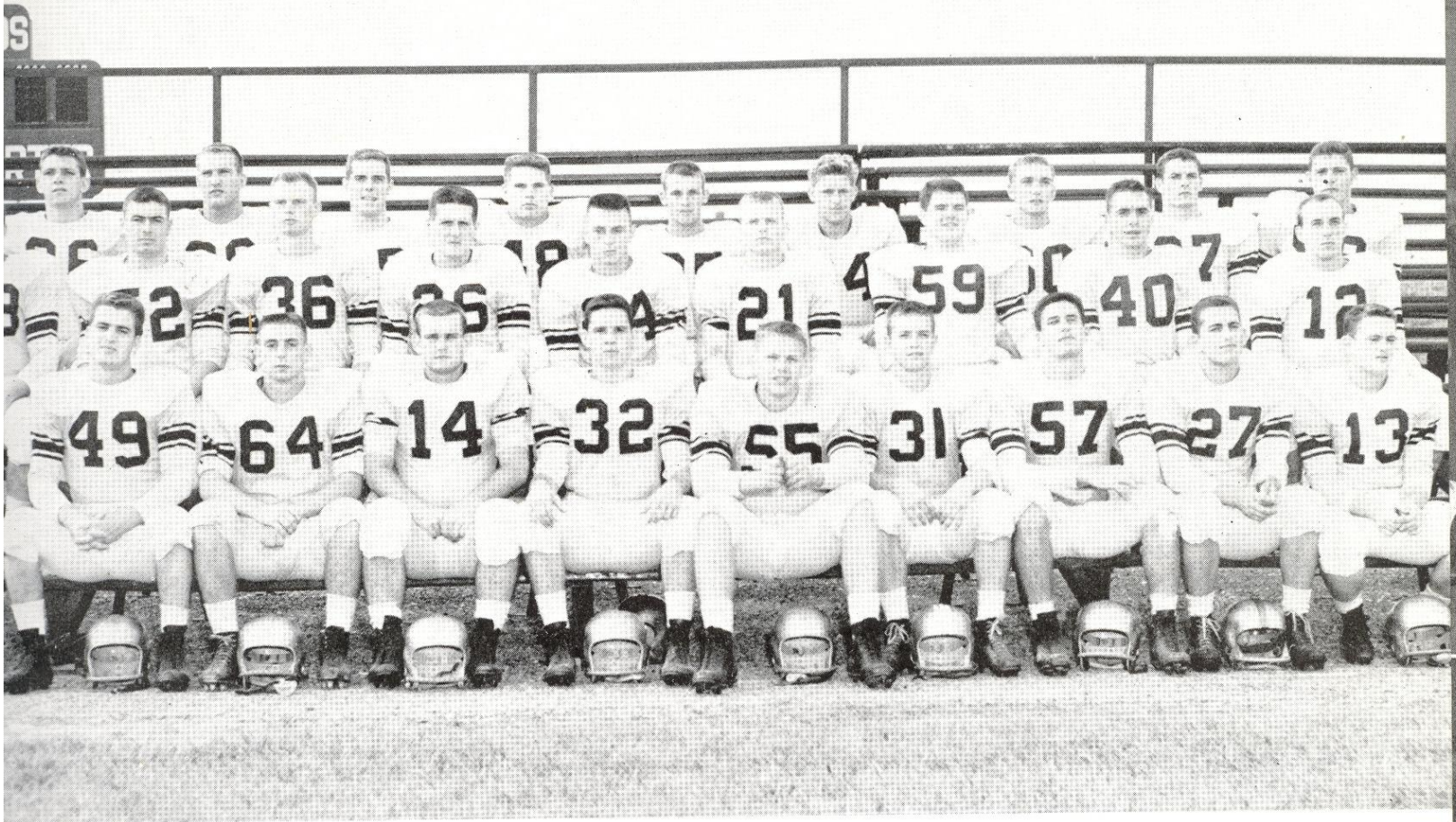
Thus the Tribe ended their first season in major college football successfully, and brought to an end the long series with Tampa.

THE YARDSTICK

	FSU	TAMPA
First Downs	18	9
Rushing Yardage	189	108
Passing Yardage	112	59
Passes Attempted	15	12
Passes Completed	9	5
Passes Intercepted By	1	1
Punts	1	5
Punting Average	51	29.8
Fumbles Lost	3	2
Yards Penalized	50	80

Odom (21) was stopped on this play by a couple of Spartan defenders, but the Tribe's final game was a 26-7 victory.





JUNIOR VARSITY

FRESHMAN SQUAD GAME RESULTS

FSU	Opponent	Opponent
14	Georgia Tech Freshman Squad	19
0	Miami Freshman Squad	19
31	Robbins Air Force Base	0
7	Mississippi Southern Freshmen	14



J. K. "BUD" KENNEDY
Coach

BASKET

1956 SEASON

FSU	Opponent	Opponent
63	North Carolina State	88
54	East Tennessee State	79
101	*Rollins College	65
91	*Stetson University	78
89	*University of Tampa	67
104	Morningside College	83
76	Clemson University	90
86	Boston University	52
71	Mississippi State	79
69	University of West Virginia	78
59	Santa Clara College	61
85	New York University	83
78	*University of Miami	76
71	*Rollins College	70
76	University of Georgia	73
81	Georgia Teachers College	90
85	Loyola (New Orleans)	75
90	Troy State College	65
87	*University of Tampa	61
92	*Florida Southern College	74
85	*Florida Southern College	81
89	*Stetson University	83
85	*University of Miami	91
72	Loyola (New Orleans)	75
80	University of Georgia	75

* Florida Intercollegiate Basketball Conference games.

THE JIM OLER STORY

A 5-10, 185-pound guard, Jim Oler ended an outstanding four-year career at FSU which netted him 1,820 points in 91 games. The 21-year-old cager accounted for 216 field goals in 1956, establishing a FSU record.

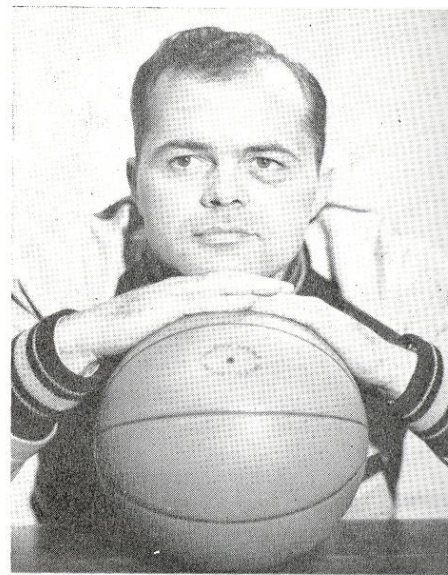
Almost always calm and silent on the hardwood, he sank 311 free throws this year and missed only 69—an average of 82 per cent. More impressive is his overall scoring output. Oler bucketed 743 points in 1956 to better by almost 200 his sensational standard set last year. Playing in all of Florida State's 25 games, he averaged 29.7 points per game.

Although the FSU schedule appeared stacked in spots, Oler's efforts against some of the best teams in the nation were noteworthy. In a personal battle against the only two 1955 All-Americans he faced, Oler came out with scoring honors both times.

In the Seminole's opening game with North Carolina State, he scored 26 while Ron Shavlik, the Wolfpack star, netted just 10. Against West Virginia and Hot Rod Hundley, Oler hit 27 and the Mountaineer ace was held to seven.

Oler scored over 30 points per game in 11 games and failed to tally at least 20 only twice. This year, for the second straight year, Jim was named to the all-conference team by coaches in the Florida Intercollegiate Basketball Conference. Teammates Dick Artmeier and Gary Wold also took all-conference honors.

Oler, who has already been approached by the Minneapolis Lakers and St. Louis Hawks of the National Basketball Association, says he will either play professionally or pursue graduate work at FSU.



JIM OLER... guard
Senior... 5-10, 185... Economy, Ind.

BALL

With Jim Oler breaking almost every scoring record, Florida State's cagemen overcame a rough start to establish a 16-9 record for the season's play.

For the second consecutive year the Seminoles dominated the Florida Intercollegiate Basketball Conference, with only a last-game defeat by the University of Miami Hurricanes marring the otherwise perfect score.

The season was featured by two pre-season tourneys, the Carrousel Classic, and the Orange Bowl tournament, but the Tribe cagers posted but a single victory in each.

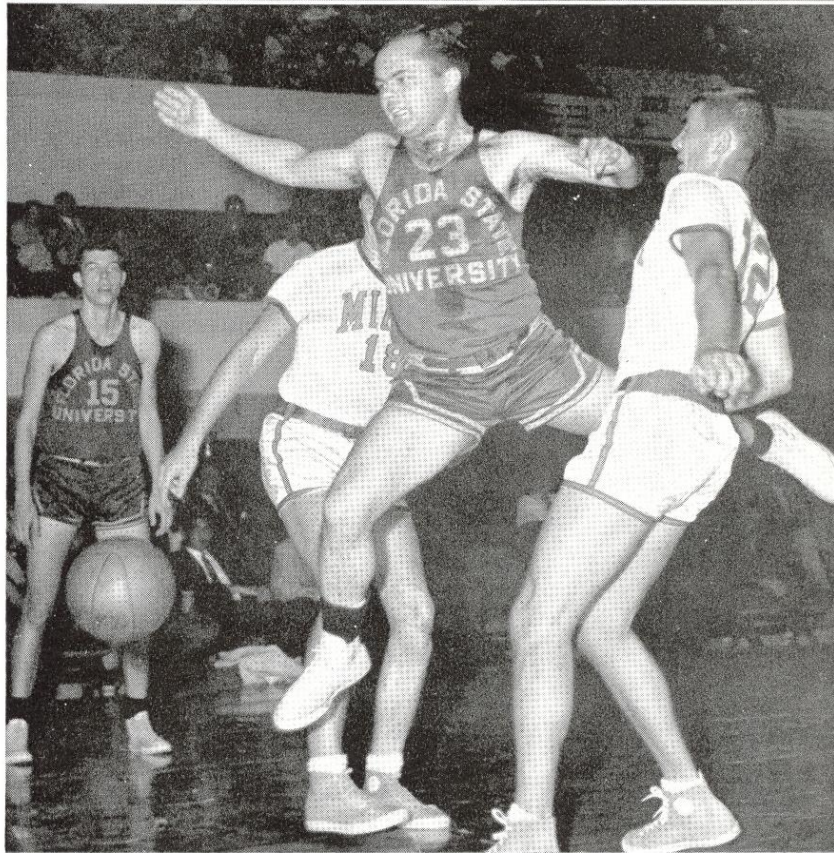
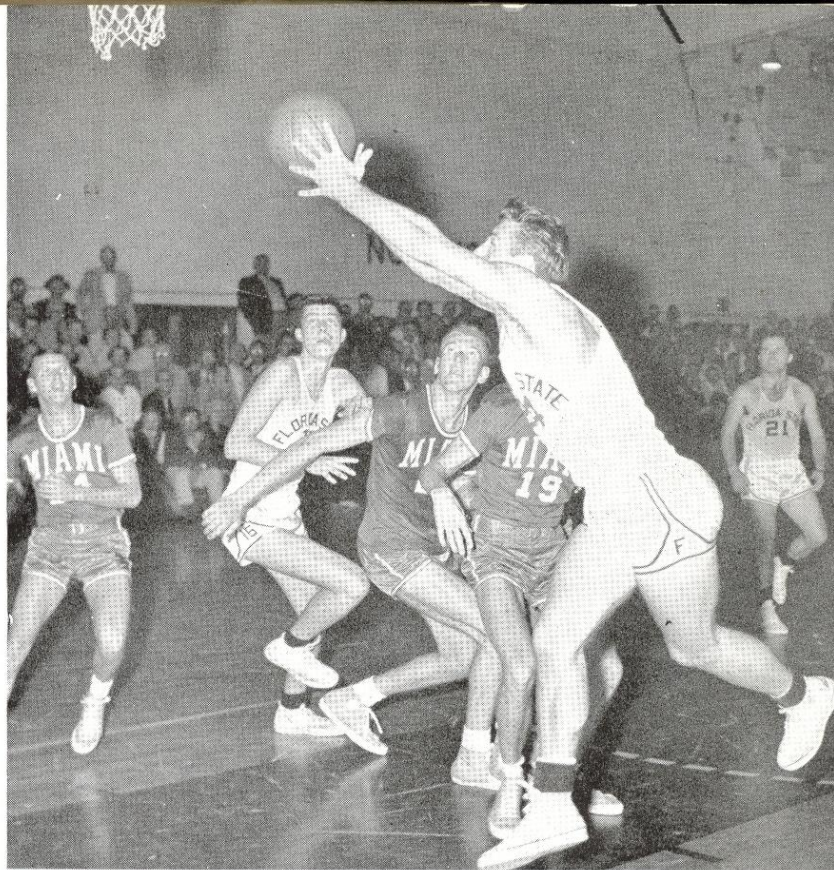
Center Gary Wold, who graduates with Oler, finished second to the bantam guard in almost every department, but was far behind with a 14.4 average and more than 350 points.

However, the 6-7 center points with pride to the early season contest with North Carolina State when he held All-American Ron Shavlik to 10 points.

Forward Dick Artmeier finished third in scoring but was a defensive rather than an offensive standout, including holding All-American Hot Rod Hundley to seven points in the Orange Bowl Tourney.

The other graduating seniors are Wayne Patton and Ed Wursbach, both of whom started the final game against Georgia and will be sorely missed next season.

Bob Williams filled the fourth spot in the starting array, and the fifth spot was split between Bobby Ward, Tom Garcia, and Stu Gregory.

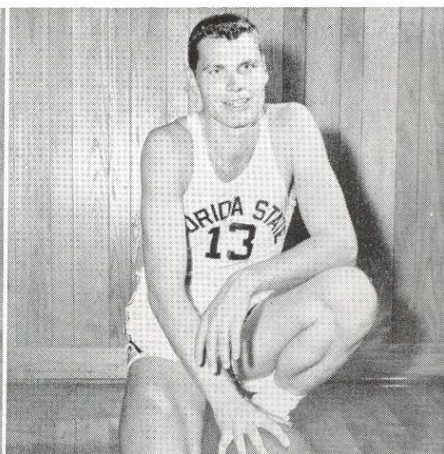
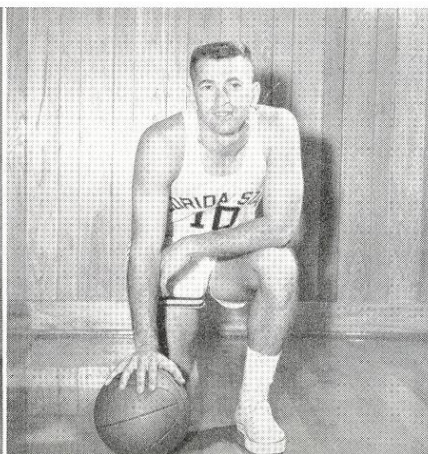
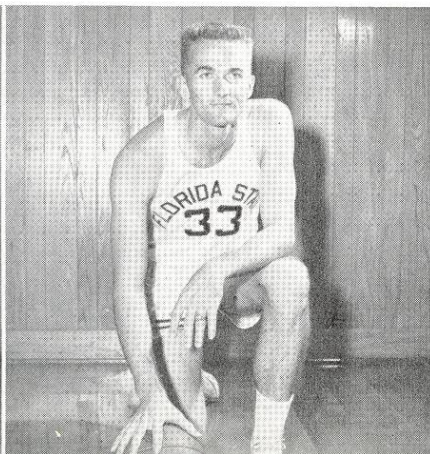
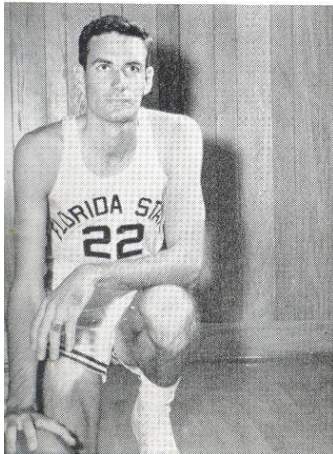


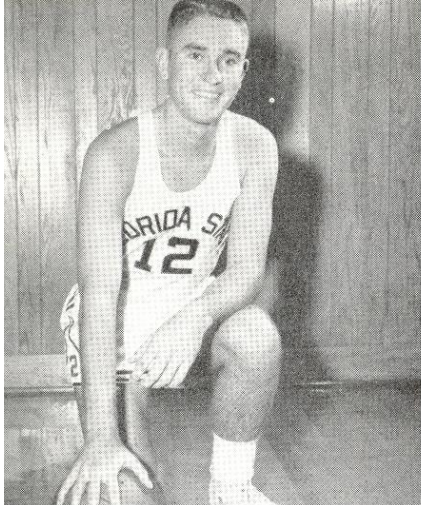
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BOB WARD . . . forward
 Junior . . . 6-3, 175 . . . Lynette, Ala.

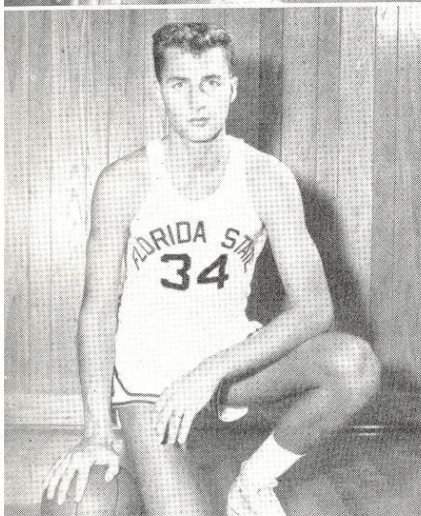
TOM GARCIA . . . guard
 Sophomore . . . 5-8, 160 . . . Ft. Myers

GARY WOLD . . . center
 Senior . . . 6-7, 215 . . . Madison, Wis.





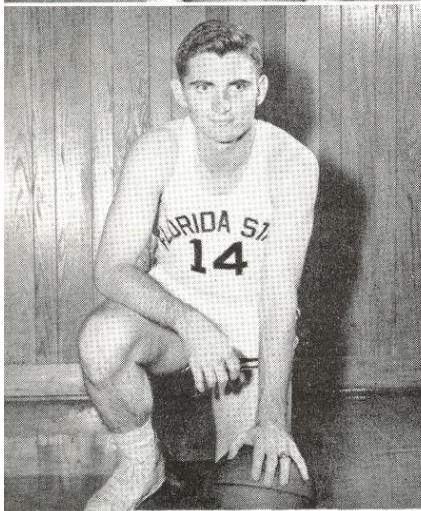
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Junior . . . 6-0, 160
Jacksonville



ED WURSBACH
forward
Senior . . . 6-4, 180
Daytona Beach



BOB WILLIAMS
center
Junior . . . 6-8, 205
Covington, Ind.



WAYNE PATTON
guard
Senior . . . 5-11, 185
St. Louis, Mo.



Oler believes in student participation at basketball games.

Final FSU Figures

	G	FGA	FG	Pct.	FTA	FT	Pct.	Rb.	Avg.	PF	Pts.	Avg.
Oler	25	470	216	46	380	311	82	136	5.4	61	743	29.7
Wold	25	241	116	48	181	129	71	237	9.5	91	361	14.4
Artmeier	25	261	98	38	116	79	68	167	6.7	90	275	11.0
Gregory	25	163	64	39	54	30	56	121	4.8	67	158	6.3
Garcia	22	145	44	30	61	45	74	49	2.2	40	133	6.0
Ward	23	135	45	33	43	29	67	82	3.6	21	119	5.2
Williams	22	97	34	35	52	34	65	176	7.6	51	102	4.7
Patton	14	28	12	43	16	10	63	17	1.2	19	34	2.4
Twomey	20	46	14	30	20	9	45	39	1.9	24	37	1.8
Waits	16	34	11	32	16	7	44	24	1.5	14	29	1.8
Mahoney	9	12	6	50	3	2	67	8	.9	8	14	1.5
Wursbach	15	16	7	44	5	4	80	18	1.2	11	18	1.2
Team								58				
Own Totals	25	1648	667	40	947	689	73	1129	45.1	497	2023	80.9
Opponents	25	1703	710	42	799	494	62	1188	47.5	554	1914	76.5

Opening the season with North Carolina State and facing a tough tournament array shortly thereafter, the Seminoles were staggering under a 4-6 mark when they opened FIBC play, but proceeded to take 12 of 15 from there on out.

Features in FIBC play included a thrilling 78-76 win over Miami here on Jim Oler's last minute free throws, and an 89-73 triumph over Stetson which cost the Hatters their first defeat on their home floor.

To date the Seminoles have never tasted defeat on their home court; the final victory over Georgia was their 23rd straight in Tallahassee.

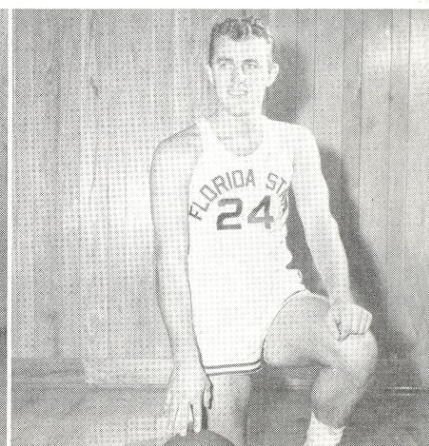
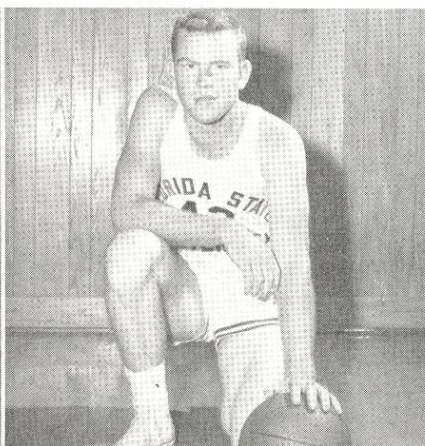
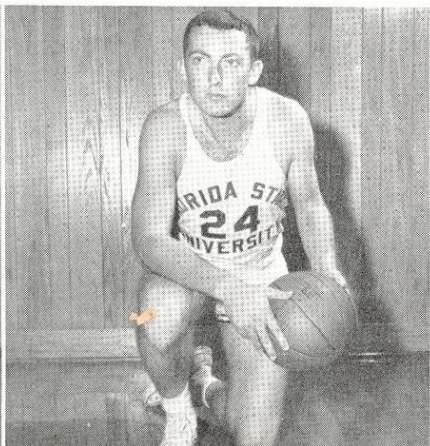
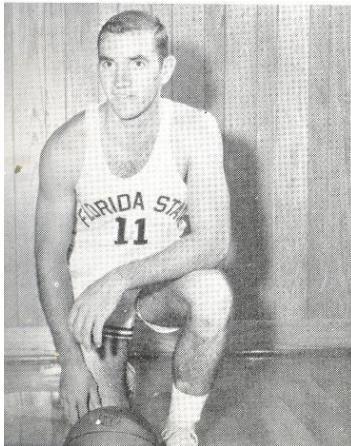


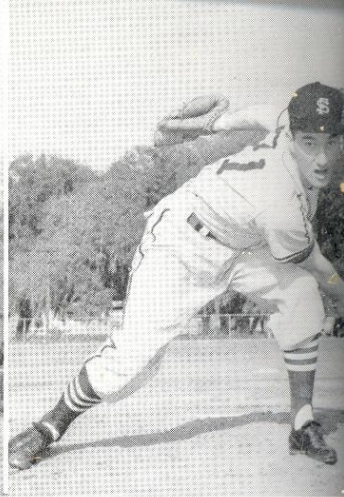
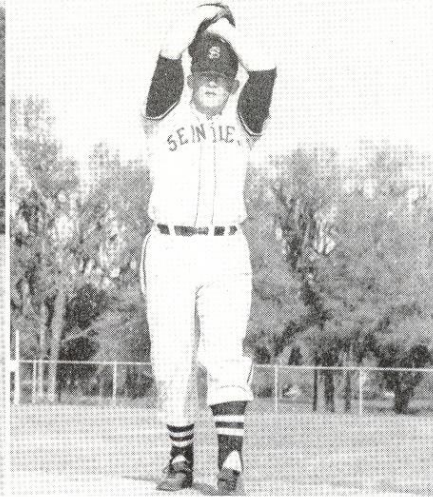
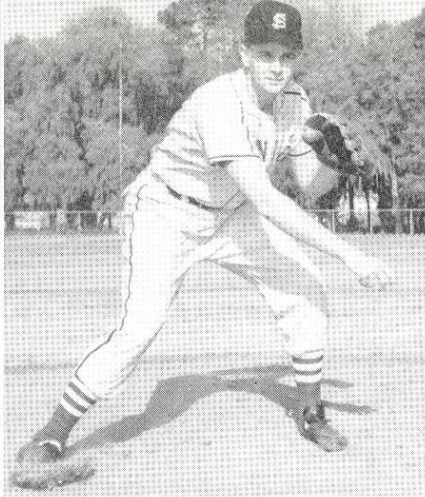
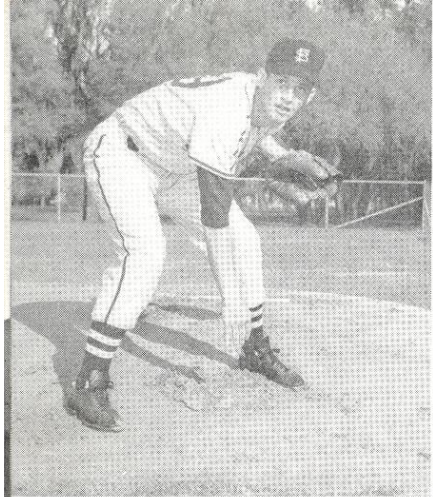
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Senior . . . 6-1, 185
Clarksburg, Ind.

DON ALFORD . . . forward
Junior . . . 6-2, 175
Napierville, Ill.

DARRYLL MAHONEY . . . guard
Sophomore . . . 6-1, 170
Campbellsburg, Ky.

FRED TWOMEY . . . forward
Junior . . . 6-2, 200
Gloucester, Mass.



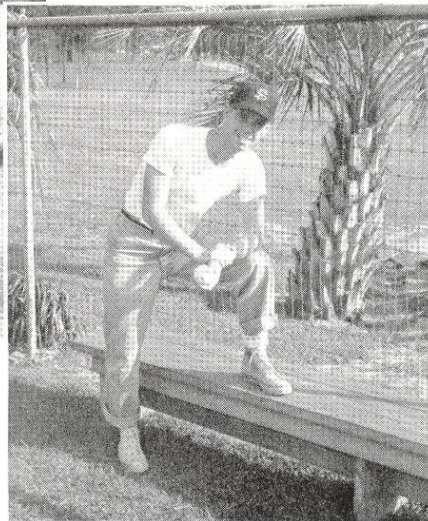


MAX LONG . . . pitcher
Senior . . . 6-1, 180 . . . Jacksonville

GEORGE HEHEMANN . . . pitcher
Senior . . . 6-2, 195
St. Petersburg

JOHN ASH . . . pitcher
Junior . . . 5-10, 180 . . . Tallahassee

RONALD FRASER . . . pitcher
Junior . . . 5-11, 170
Nutley, N. J.



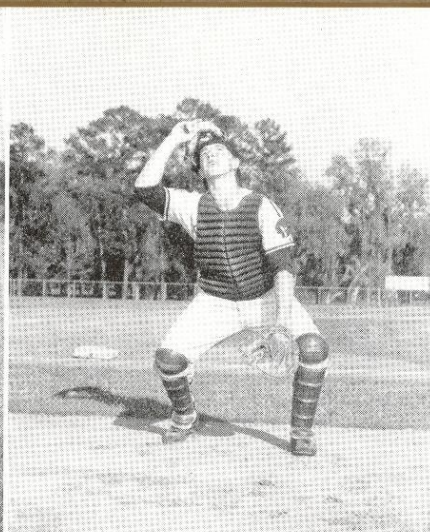
DANNY LITWHILER
Coach

RONALD MELTON
Assistant Coach

DAVE BUCHANAN
Manager

The SEMINOLE





TONY AVITABLE . . . pitcher
Junior . . . 5-11, 175
Lindhurst, N. Y.

FRED TWOMEY . . . outfield
Junior . . . 6-2, 205
Gloucester, Mass.

GARY ASHLEY . . . catcher
Senior . . . 5-9, 175
Greenville, S. C.

E DIAMONDMEN

After flashing a 17-6 mark against probably the toughest slate in history in 1955, the Florida State baseballers looked forward to an even more rugged schedule this season.

Featured by the first annual Florida State Invitational Baseball tournament, the schedule included such big names as Furman, Indiana, Wisconsin, Cincinnati, and five games with the Georgia Bulldogs.

Even bigger teams arrived for the Easter tournament: Brown, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, Notre Dame and West Virginia.

In 1955 the Tribe diamondmen tied the mark for the most games won, and set new ones for most runs scored, most doubles, most hits, most runs batted in and most stolen bases in a season.

Outfielder Riley Seevers emerged as the top hitter, pounding out 27 hits for a .415 batting average, the highest in the history of the school.



GALE TUGGLE . . . outfield
Senior . . . 5-6, 160 . . . Mulgo, Ala.

BOB VAUGHN . . . catcher
Senior . . . 6-1, 190 . . . Miami



1956 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
March 16	Furman University	Tallahassee
17	Furman University	Tallahassee
23	Fla. Southern Col.	Tallahassee
24	Fla. Southern Col.	Tallahassee
26	Indiana University	Tallahassee
27	Indiana University	Tallahassee
29		
30	First	
31	Annual	
April 1	Florida	
2	State	
3	Invitational	
4	Tournament	
5		Tallahassee
6	University of Wisconsin (Exhibition)	Ft. Walton Beach
7	University of Wisconsin (Exhibition)	Ft. Walton Beach
9	Univ. of Florida	Gainesville
10	Univ. of Florida	Gainesville
19	Univ. of Cincinnati	Tallahassee
20	Stetson University	Tallahassee
21	Stetson University	Tallahassee
23	Univ. of Georgia	Tallahassee
24	Univ. of Georgia	Tallahassee
25	Univ. of Georgia	Tallahassee
27	Univ. of Miami	Tallahassee
28	Univ. of Miami	Tallahassee
May 4	Ga. St. Tehrs. Col.	Statesboro
5	Ga. St. Tehrs. Col.	Statesboro
7	Georgia	Athens
8	Georgia	Athens
11	Rollins College	Tallahassee
12	Rollins College	Tallahassee



BASEBALL at

Slugging first-baseman Fred Twomey, slated for a switch to the outfield in 1956, established marks for most home runs, with 6, and runs batted in with 26.

Other marks set or tied in 1955 were for most hits, 32 by Billy Campbell (.356) and a new one for most assists, 90 by shortstop Phil Hunt.

Twomey also led in doubles with six, but outfielder Bob Hudson and catcher Bob Vaughn shared the triples crown with three apiece.

George Hehemann and Tony Avitable had perfect pitching records, but got only one decision apiece, and the top hurlers were Tommy Garcia and John Ash.

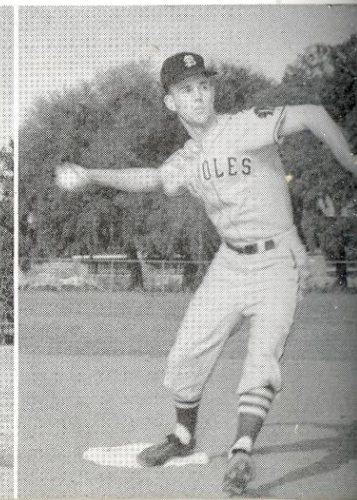
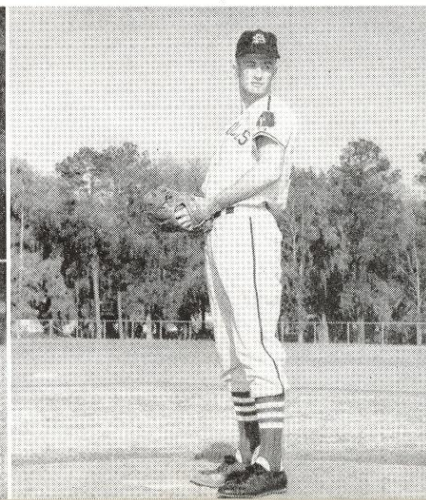
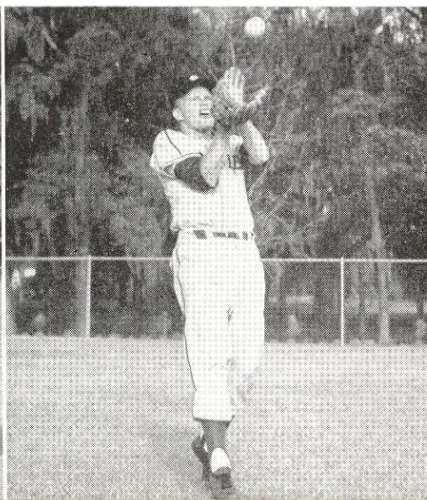
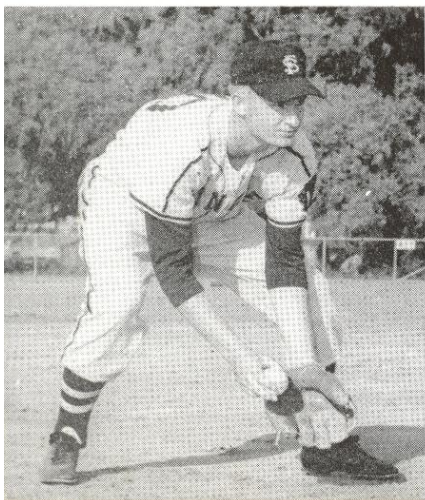
Garcia and Ash both recorded 5-1 marks and Ash had the best earned-run average, 2.41. Hurler Max Long had a 4-2 record and led in strikeouts and bases on balls with 44 and 29 respectively.

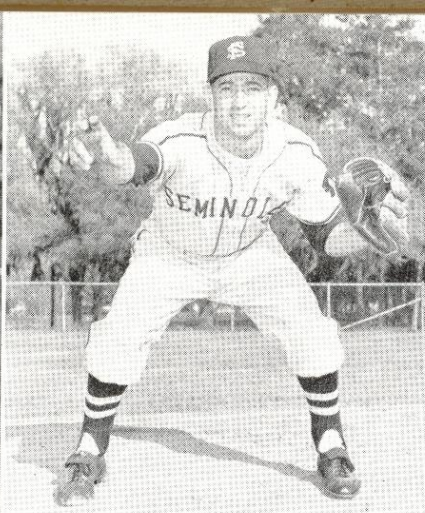
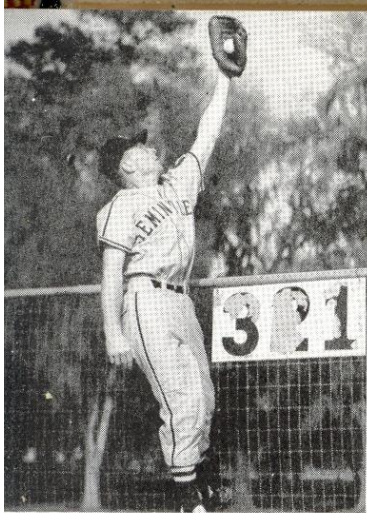
Campbell, Hudson and Ham Wernke were the only losses from the 1955 squad and Coach Danny Litwhiler had an excellent chance of equaling or bettering his mark in 1956.

CARLEE HENDRIX . . . shortstop
Junior . . . 6-0, 165 . . . Panama City

BOB ROSSELL . . . outfield
Sophomore . . . 5-9, 160
Chicago, Ill.

FRED KENNY . . . pitcher
Sophomore . . . 6-0, 170
West Palm Beach





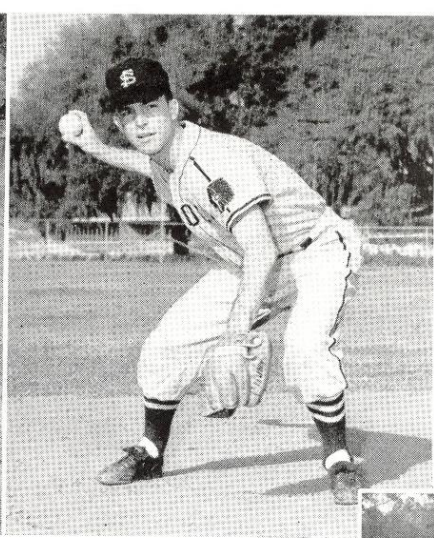
RILEY SEEVERS . . . outfield
Sophomore . . . 5-9, 165
Tallahassee

TOM GARCIA . . . pitcher
Sophomore . . . 5-8, 165
Ft. Myers

FRANK SLUSSER . . . pitcher
Sophomore . . . 5-9, 160
Nescopeck, Pa.

HARVEY SWEENEY . . . 1st base
Junior . . . 5-11, 160 . . . Tallahassee

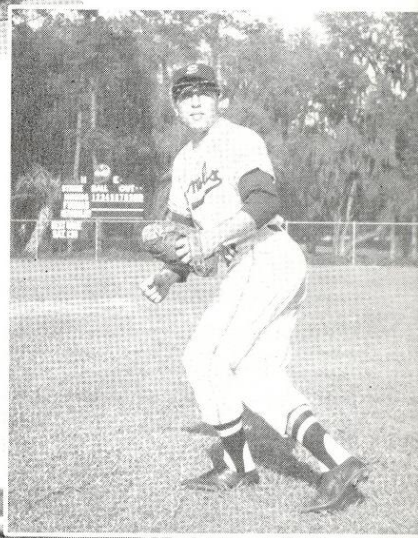
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JIM ATWOOD . . . pitcher
Senior . . . 6-1, 200 . . . Miami

PFILIP HUNT . . . shortstop
Sophomore . . . 5-9, 160
West Palm Beach

LEE CORSO . . . outfield
Junior . . . 5-11, 170 . . . Miami



S W I M M



N. B. "BIM" STULTS
Coach

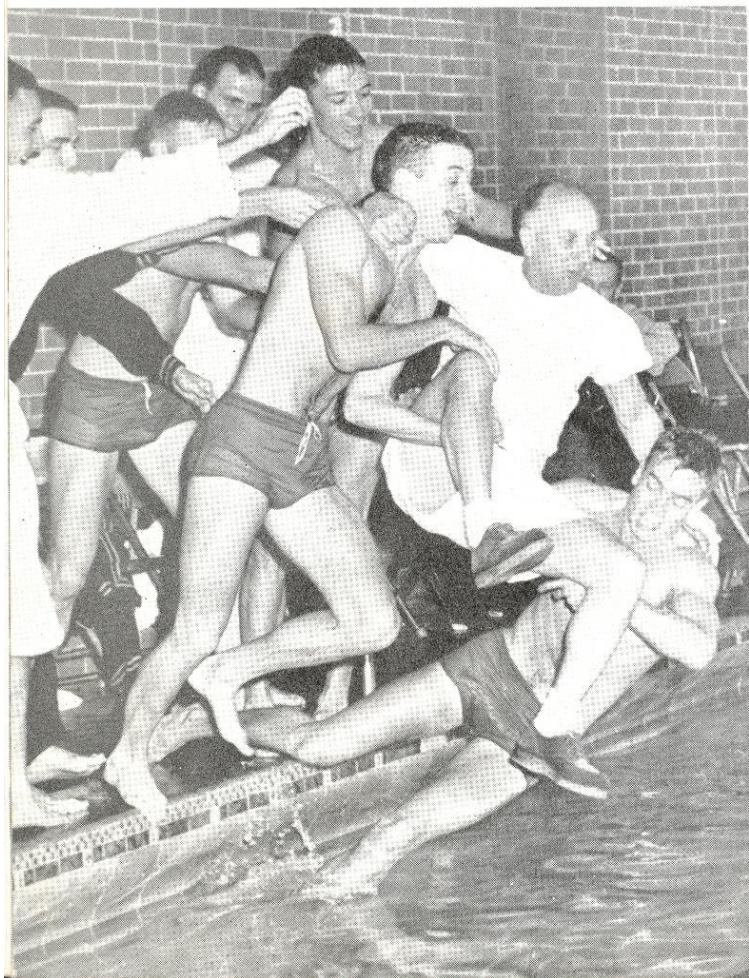
The Seminole swimmers lost their great dual meet winning streak in the 1956 season, but managed to rack up such a decisive over-all record that the loss of this prestige went unnoticed.

The home meet which drew the most support from FSU fans and gave the tankers their greatest satisfaction was their decisive sinking of the University of Florida Gators, 66-18. The Seminoles won every event except the diving, in a return match in Gainesville the Gators managed to squeak out a 43-41 win over the Seminoles, but just to prove that that loss was an "off day," the Tribesmen took first place in the Florida AAU, leaving Florida in their wake by 47 points - 116½ - 69½.

Previous to the Florida AAU meet the Seminoles had invaded Georgia and brought home the Georgia AAU title, establishing the FSU mermen as southeastern champions.

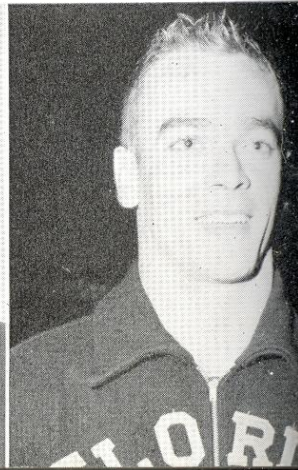
Besides Florida, the only other team to outclass the Seminoles was Texas A & M, who took a 49½ - 34½ decision in their home pool. While still in the land of Texas the Seminoles met the SMU swimmers on their home ground and handed them a 51-33 defeat.

Jubilant Seminoles dunk "Bim" after their 66-18 rout of the Gators.



JOE MACK JORDAN . . . manager
Sophomore . . . Jacksonville

JIM JULIAN . . . freestyle
Junior . . . 6-0, 159 . . . Jacksonville



I N G

1956 SEASON RESULTS

First Place, Georgia AAU, February 25.

First Place, Florida AAU, March 16-17.

Entered NCAA Championships, March 29-31, New Haven, Conn.

Entered NAAU Championships, April 5-7, New Haven, Conn.

FSU	Opponent	Opponent
59	University of Georgia	25
60	Emory University	24
51	Southern Methodist	33
34½	Texas A & M	49½
58	Vanderbilt University	26
62	University of Kentucky	22
58	Georgia Tech	26
66	University of Florida	18
48	University of Georgia	36
41	University of Florida	43



Above: Julian and Tschirret (foreirret) match Florida's best in the 200 yd. freestyle. Julian took first, Tschirret second.

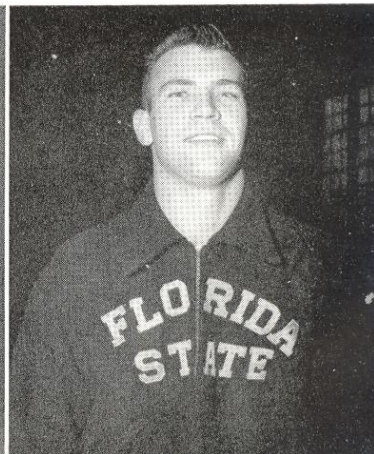
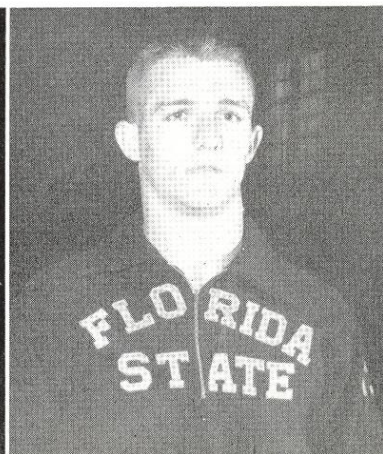
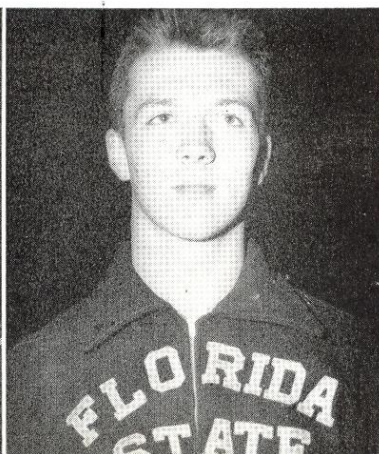
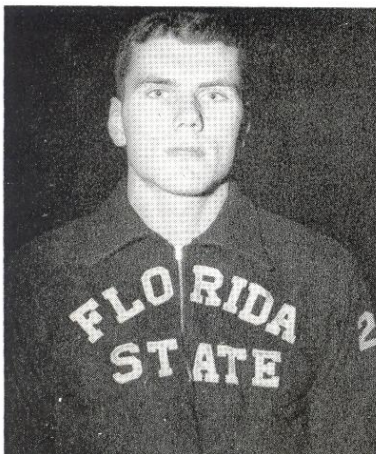
Below: Joyful Seminole rooters laud the tankers' victory over Florida in the first year of varsity competition between the two universities.

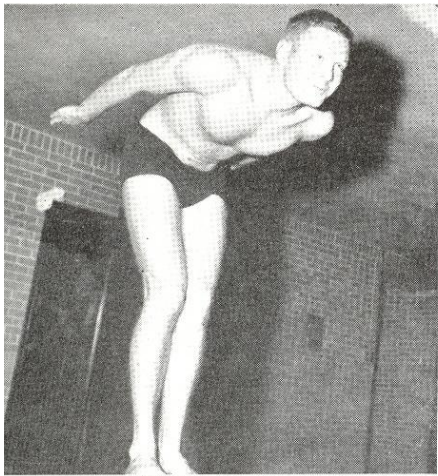
NORMAN SHIPLEY . . . backstroke
Senior . . . 6-2, 185
Kansas City, Kan.

KEN ABBOTT . . . freestyle
Sophomore . . . 6-1, 170
Birmingham, Ala.

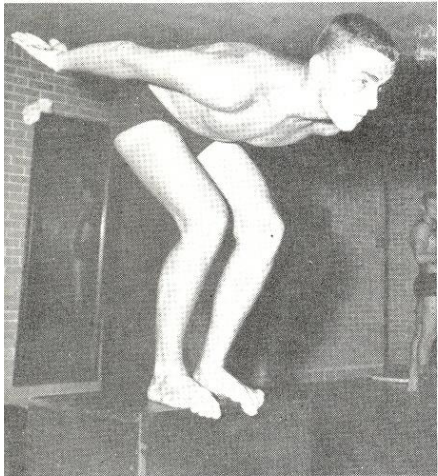
DON LEWIS . . . relay
Sophomore . . . 6-0, 175
Daytona Beach

RON TWITTY . . . freestyle
Junior . . . 6-0, 160 . . . Chicago, Ill.

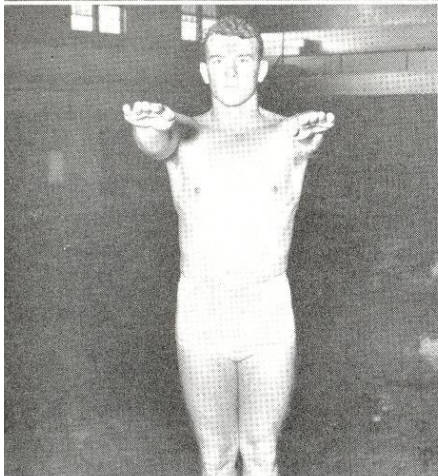




DICK RHOTON, breaststroke
Senior . . . 5-11, 150
Keokuk, Iowa



GRAHAM TESCHKE, freestyle
Junior . . . Euclid, Ohio



BILL PONDER, diver
Sophomore . . . 5-11, 160
Ocala



MIKE TSCHIRRET, freestyle
Junior . . . 5-11, 165
Toledo, Ohio



The Florida AAU trophy looks good in Seminole hands.

S W I M M

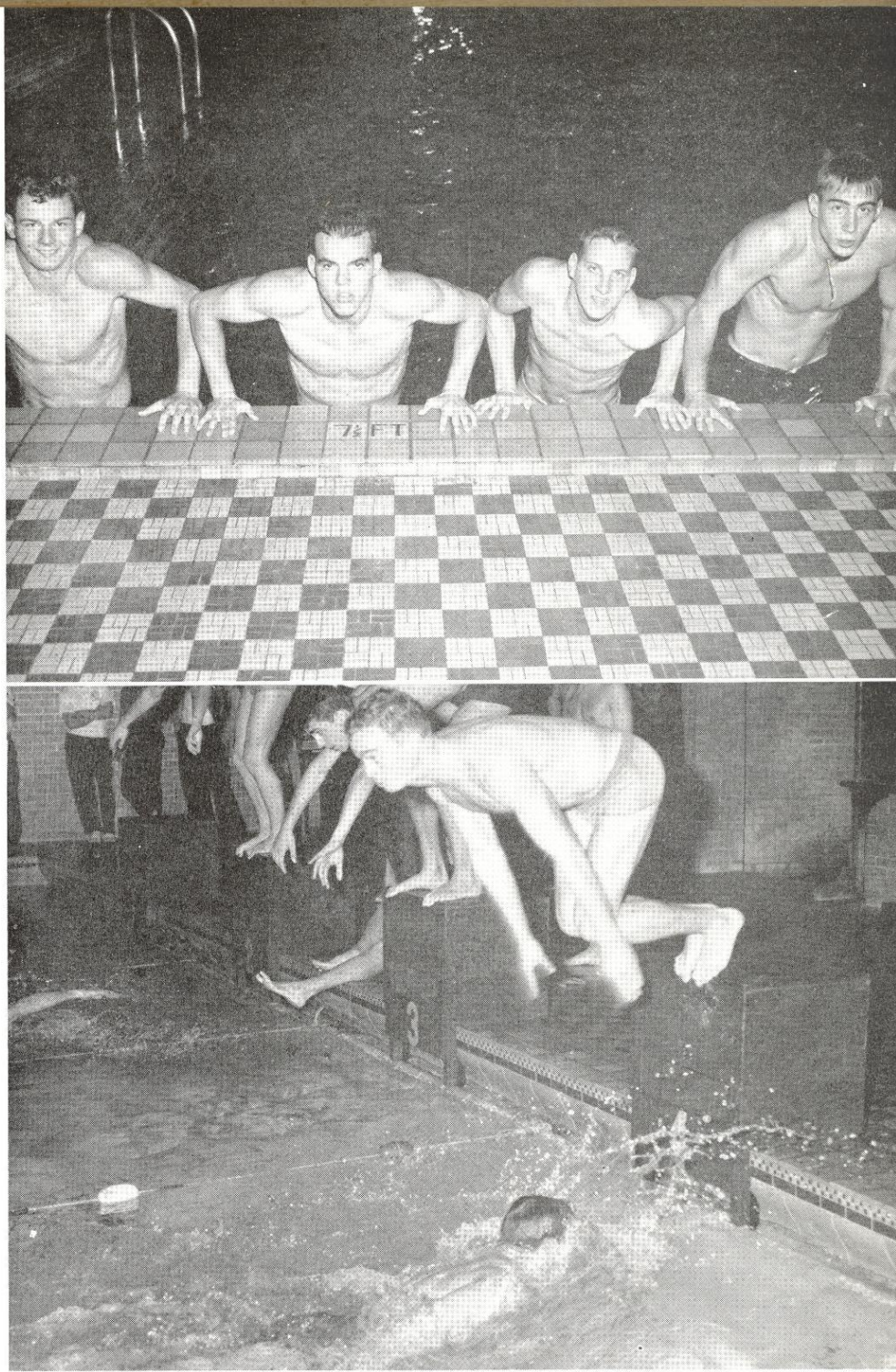
Most encouraging from Coach "Bim" Stults' point of view was the outstanding crop of freshmen.

Led by the G-men, Charles Gentry and Jerry Glancy, the frosh were instrumental in almost every Tribe victory, and had two wins of their own over the Gator yearlings.

Veterans who paced the Seminoles were Ken Abbott, Jim Julian, Graham Teschke, Don Lewis, Dick Rhoton, John Risher, Joel Jacobs, Mike Tschirret, and Norm Shipley.

Seminole swimmers were given a chance to match their prowess against national competition by entry in the NCAA and NAAU Championships in New Haven, Connecticut, during March and April.

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Above: Four high school All-Americans joined the Semino'e freshmen squad. John Prekup, sprints; Glen Thatcher, sprints; Ralph Weibel, diver; Charles Gentry, breaststroke.

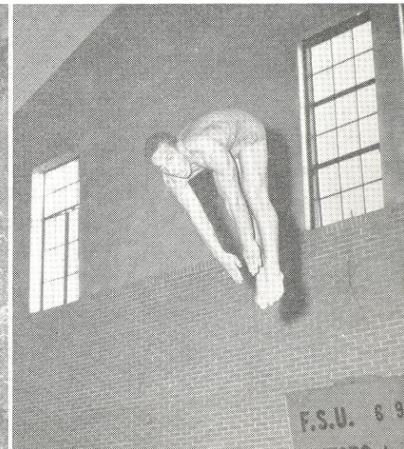
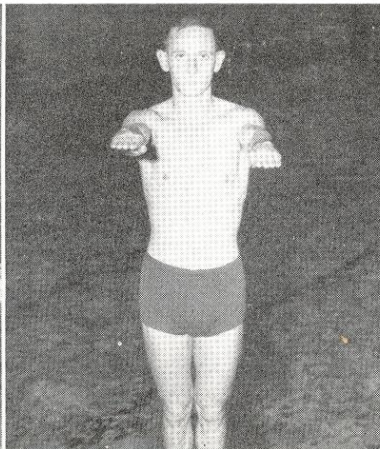
Below: Seminole swimmers met and defeated the Georgia Bulldogs.

JOE JACOBS, breaststroke
Sophomore . . . 6-2, 162
Ft. Lauderdale

BYRON RHODES, diver
Senior . . . 5-9, 133
Albany, Ga.

JOHN RISHER, backstroke
Sophomore . . . 6-2, 160
Highland, Mich.

JOEL RADENCIC, diver
Freshman . . . 5-6, 154
Cleveland, Ohio





GYMNASTICS TEAM CO-CAPTAINS

RONNIE AMSTER
Junior . . . Chicago, Ill.

RAFAEL LECUONA
Junior . . . Havana, Cuba



FSU Candidates for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia. Jack Miles; Rafael Lecuona, who will represent his native Cuba, and Don Holder.



HARTLEY PRICE
Coach

GYM N

Of all the varsity teams that Florida State University fields, the Gymnastics team, under Coach Hartley Price, has accrued by far the greater number of national awards.

Since 1950 the team has won 26 team championships. In 1955 they won the Georgia AAU, the Alabama Open, the Florida AAU, the Southern Intercollegiate, and the National AAU. And on an individual basis team members have brought home 207 individual titles. In the 1948 Olympic Games FSU sent Bill Roetzheim, by far the most outstanding gymnast to wear the Garnet and Gold, to represent the USA. And in the 1952 Games both Bill Roetzheim and Don Holder represented the United States, while Rafael Lecuona captained the Cuban Olympic Team.

Coach Price has as his objective to keep FSU among the top ten gymnastics teams in the nation. At that rate he's well on the road to success. Last season his teams finished third in both the NCAA and the NAAU championship meets. Since 1951, the Seminoles have never been out of the top five.

JIM TANAKA
Graduate . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

JACK MILES
Graduate . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

DON HOLDER
Graduate . . . Jersey City, N. J.

TOM MacDONALD
Junior . . . Brooklyn, N. Y.

A S T I C S

The Florida State gymnasts are undefeated in competition this year.

Minnesota was the first to fall to the superior talents of the FSU squad. With Bob Murray and co-captain Rafael Lecuona posting 21 points apiece, the Seminoles gained a 64-48 decision.

In another match over the Christmas holidays, a South team coached by Dr. Price triumphed over a North squad, 50½-45½. It was the first time that the South had ever beaten the northern stars.

Don Holder, FSU graduate gymnast, successfully defended his side horse crown by beating teammate Lecuona, 179-174. Jack Miles, another graduate champion, placed second on the horizontal bar. The other Florida State gymnast to score was Don Preisser, who finished fifth on the trampoline.

Holder was also the standout performer for the Seminoles in the pre-Olympic trials he'd in Sarasota over the Christmas holidays.

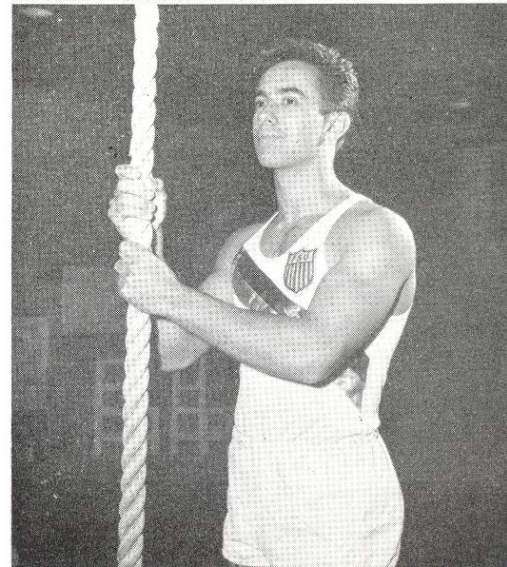
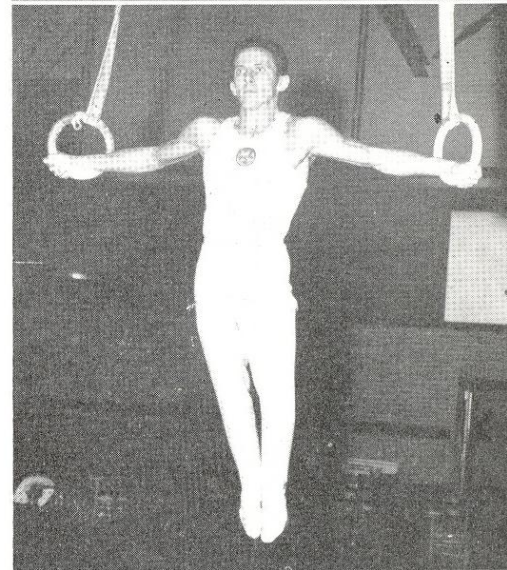
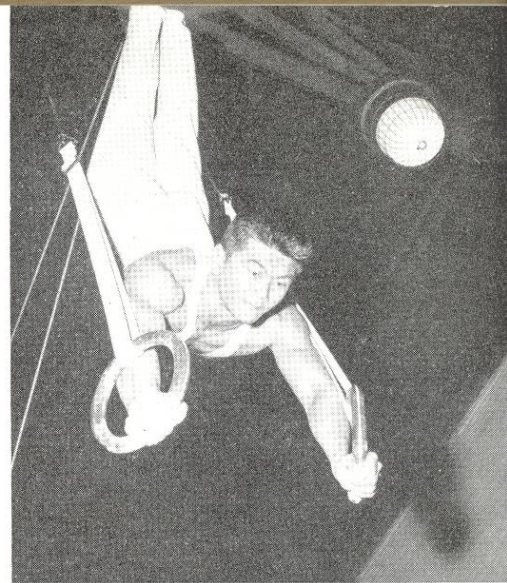
Florida State gained its seventh consecutive Florida AAU championship at the meet in Jacksonville on January 14. The meet proved a complete sweep for the Tribesmen. Coach Price's NCAA varsity finished first with 91 points, the Garnet team second with 71.5 points, and the Gold team third with 57.5 points.

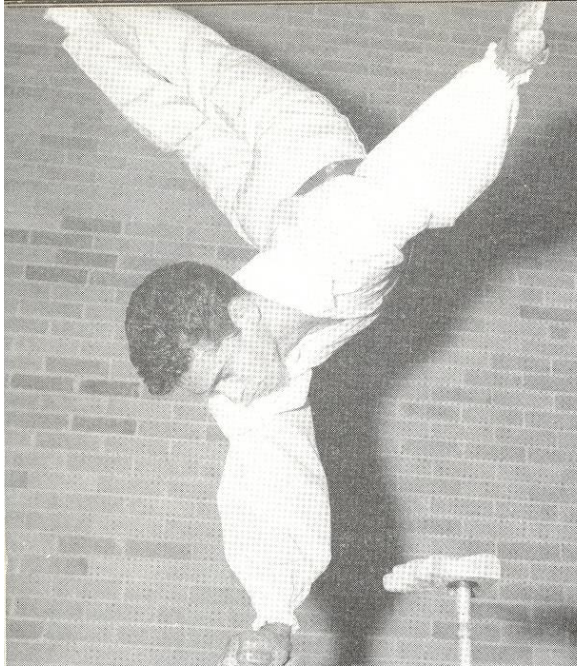
Holder, captain of the Gold squad, won the all-around championship with a total score of 158.1. Trailing him by two points was Lecuona, while Miroslav Ceska, one of the outstanding newcomers, finished third.

Elliot and Cicio were the only freshmen to finish first in any event, and are being counted on to add additional strength to the varsity next year.

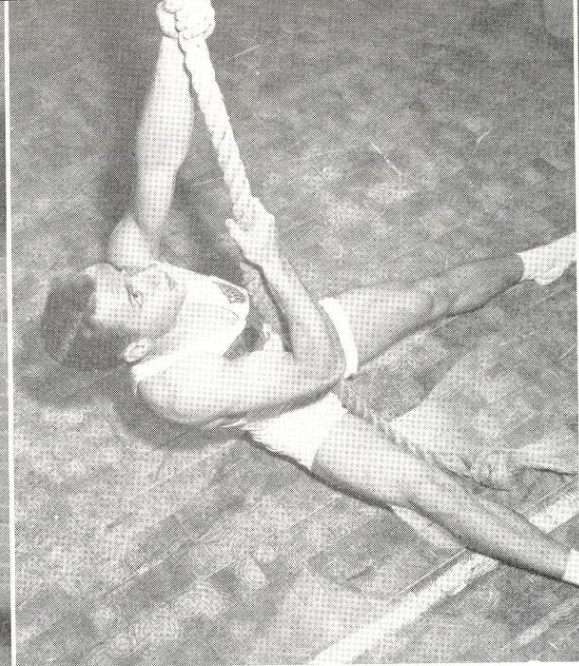
Georgia Tech and the University of Illinois (Chicago Branch) fell to the Seminoles in consecutive meets. Georgia Tech took a 62-49 setback, while the Illinois boys were swamped 76-33.

For the sixth straight year the gymnasts captured the Southern Intercollegiate title. The final score was FSU 109, North Carolina 35½, and Georgia Tech 27½. The Tribe swept five events and took first place in eight of nine events. Lecuona won the all-around title with a score of 1,038 points.

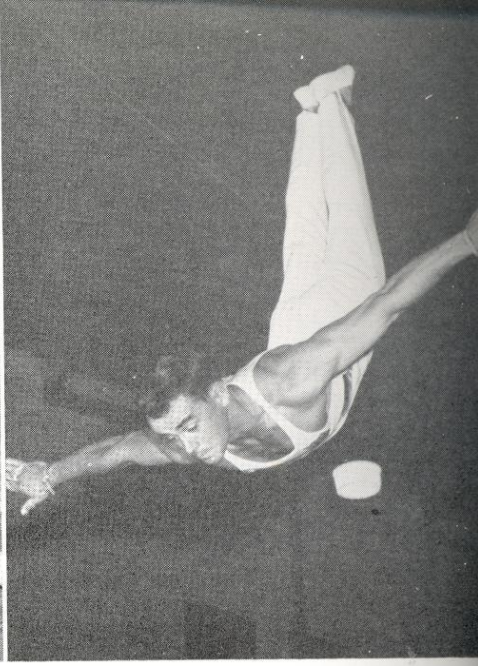




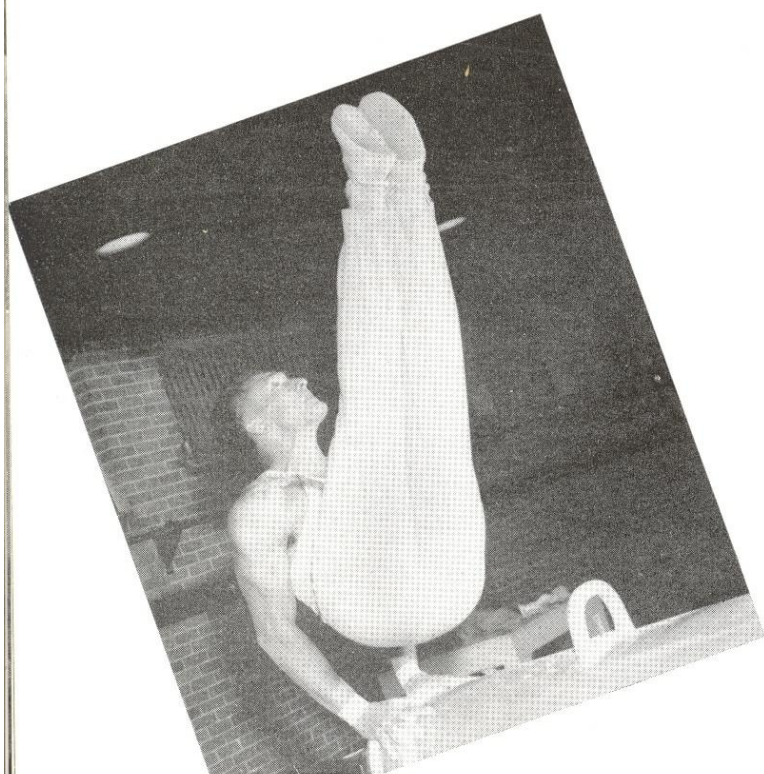
JAMILE ASHMORE
Senior . . . Dallas, Texas



LAIRD ANDERSON
Sophomore . . . Jacksonville



BOB MURRAY
Sophomore . . . Boston, Mass.



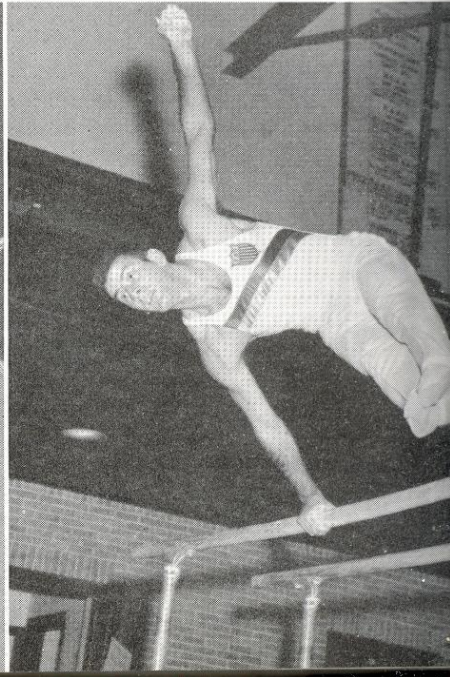
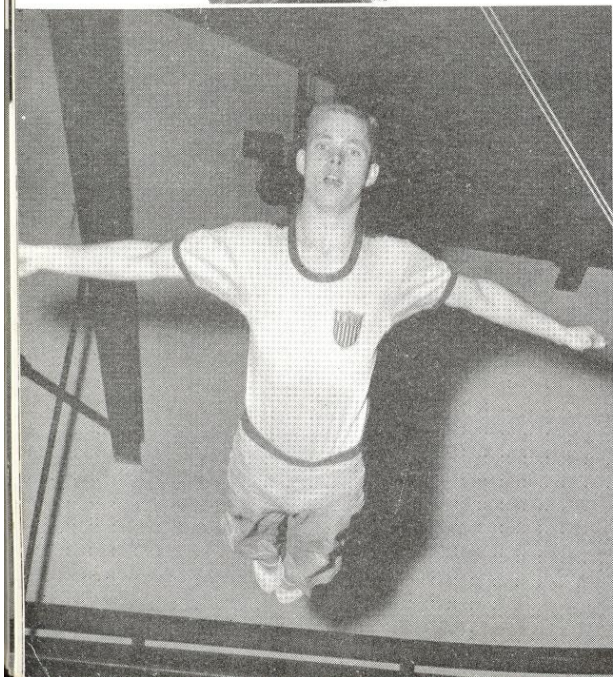
LARRY BESTMAN
Senior . . . Chicago, Ill.

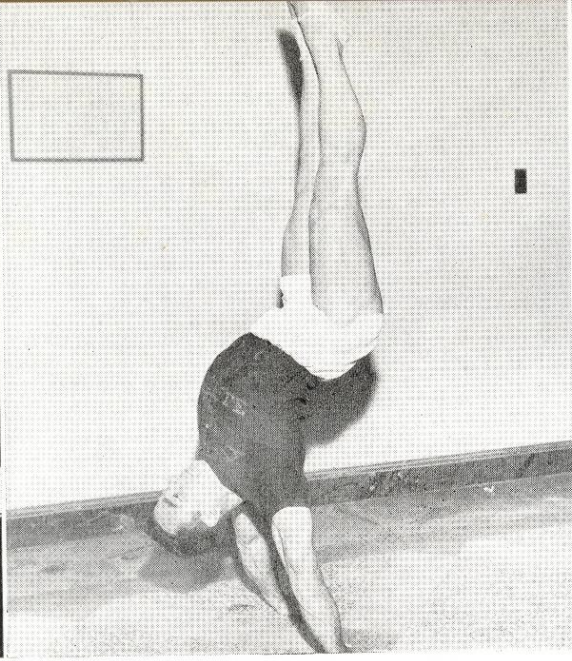
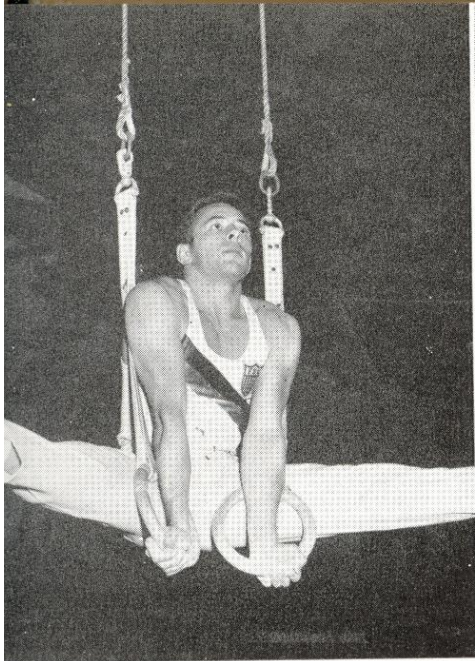
BOB ELLIOT
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DON PREISSER
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JOE GUSSIC
Sophomore . . . Chicago, Ill.

The SEMINOLE





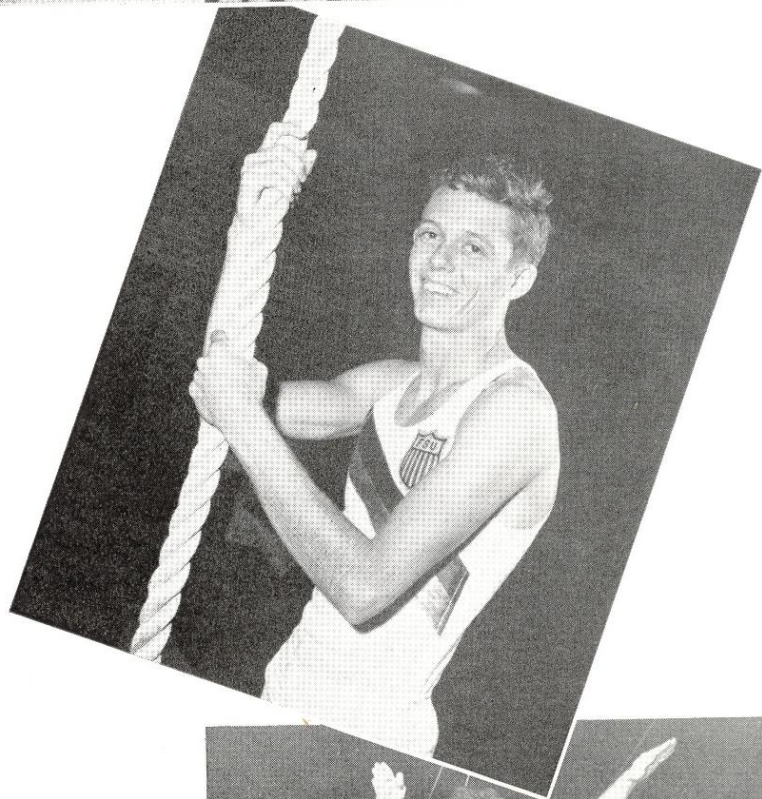
MIROSLAV CESKA
Freshman . . . Germany

CHICK CICIO
Freshman . . . Brooklyn, N. Y.

JOE TAYLOR
Junior . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

JIM HANKS
Senior . . . Pensacola

GYMNASTS



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.

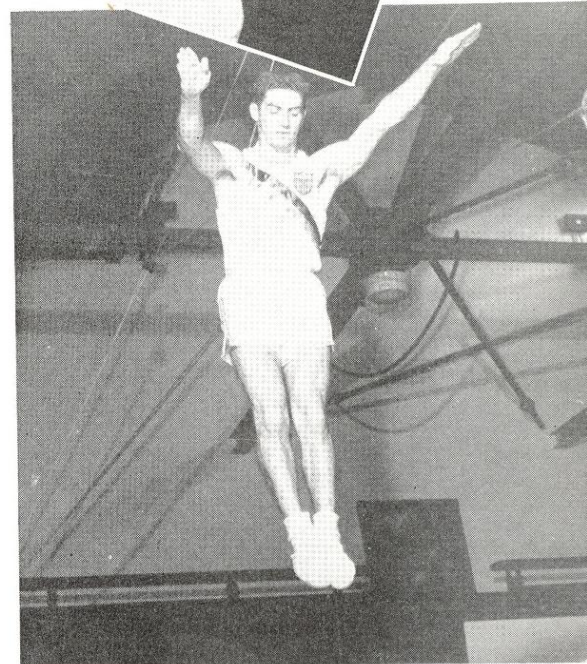
DICK GUTTING — NCAA trampoline, 1952; NAAU, 1953.

JACK SHARP — NCAA flying rings, 1952.

GENE RABBITT — NAAU side horse, 1952.

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

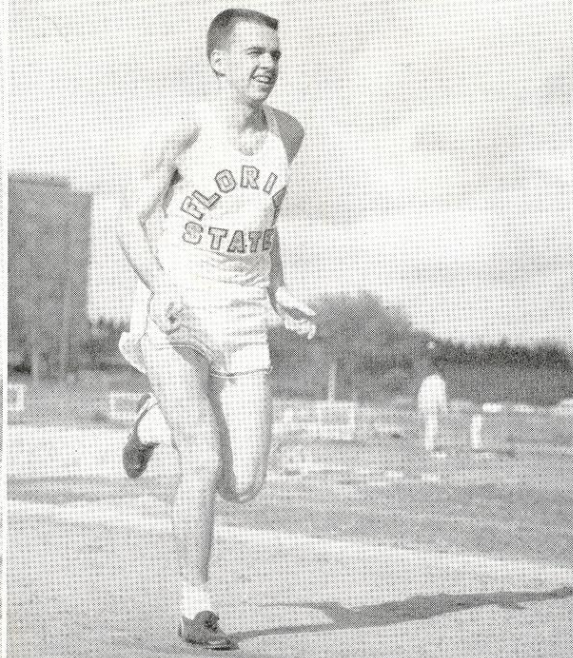
RAFAEL LECOUNA — Captain, Cuba Olympic Team, 1955.



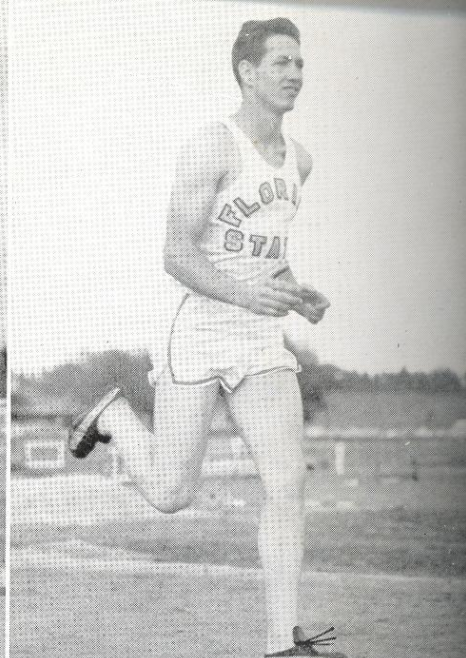
JIM FADIGAN
Graduate . . . Atlantic City, N. J.



TENNEY BROWN . . . highjump
Junior . . . 5-10, 160 . . . Bradenton



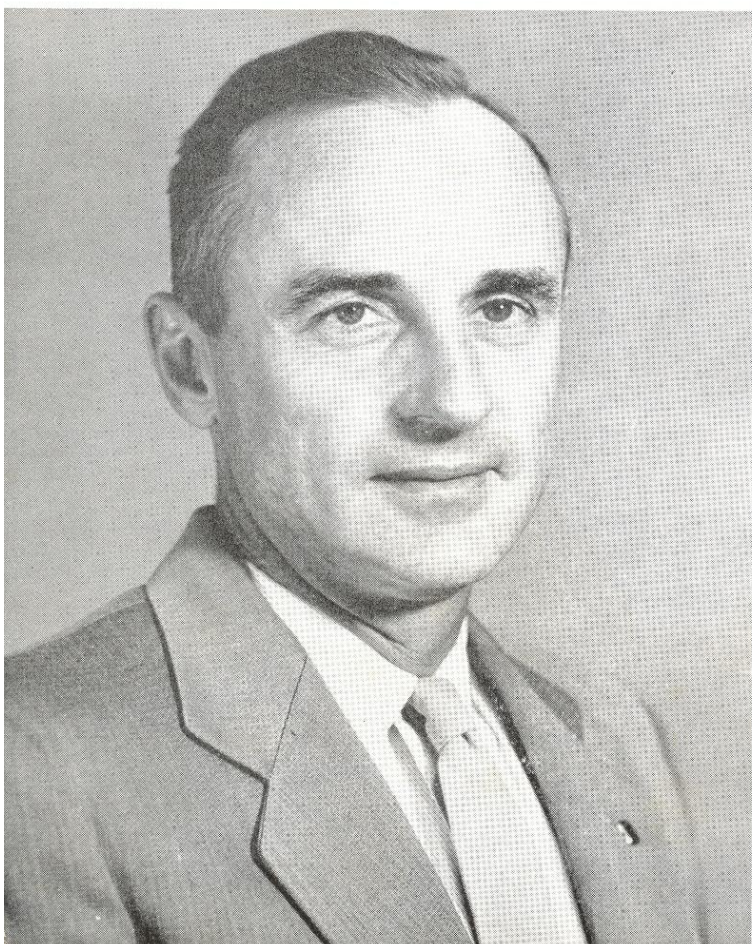
KEN SEGNER . . . middle distance
Junior . . . 6-0, 150 . . . Western Spgs., Ill.



CHARLES WATSON . . . middle distance
Junior . . . 5-10, 160 . . . Ft. Myers

The SEMINOLE

MIKE LONG
Coach



The April 14 date with the University of Florida stood out on the Seminole track schedule in 1956, as the cinder-men sought to better the 5-1 mark established by Coach Mike Long in his first year in 1955.

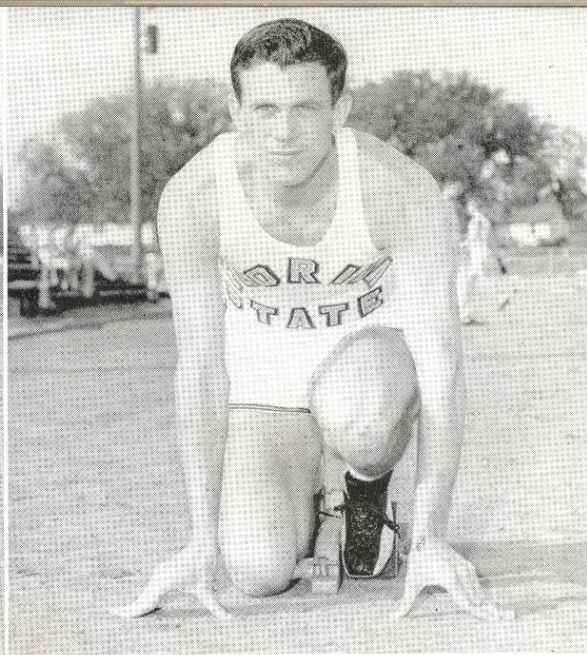
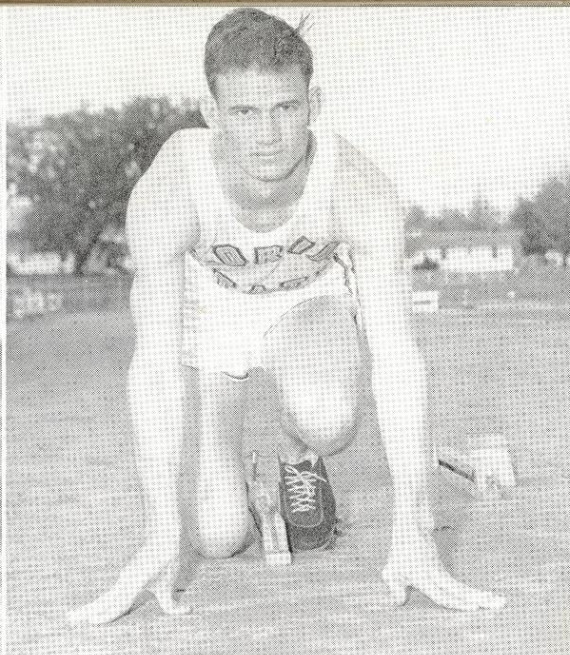
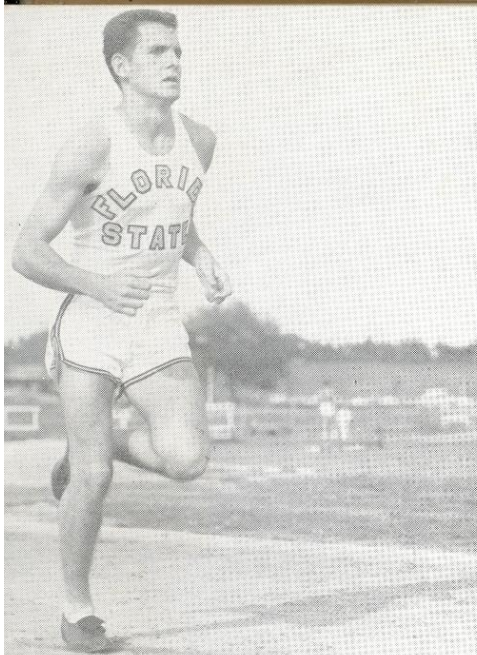
The Tribe thinclads had defeated the Gator tracksters in 1955, when they wrested the state AAU title from the U of F, 51 5/6 to 47 3/4.

Five records were established by Coach Long's charges in 1955, three by high point man Carlos Fraundorfer, who was ineligible for varsity competition in 1956.

Fraundorfer set new marks for the discus and shot puts, and established an all-time high for most points in a varsity career with a four-year total of 278%.

Captain Ron Weaver tossed the javelin 205' 1 1/2" for a new record, and Vernon Duce turned in a 10:20 time in the two-mile for the other school mark.

The expected key to the Tribe success in 1956 was Sophomore speedster Jack Terwilliger, a bare second to Fraundorfer in scoring in 1955.



MIKE CONLEY . . . distances
Sophomore . . . 5-9, 150 . . . Orlando

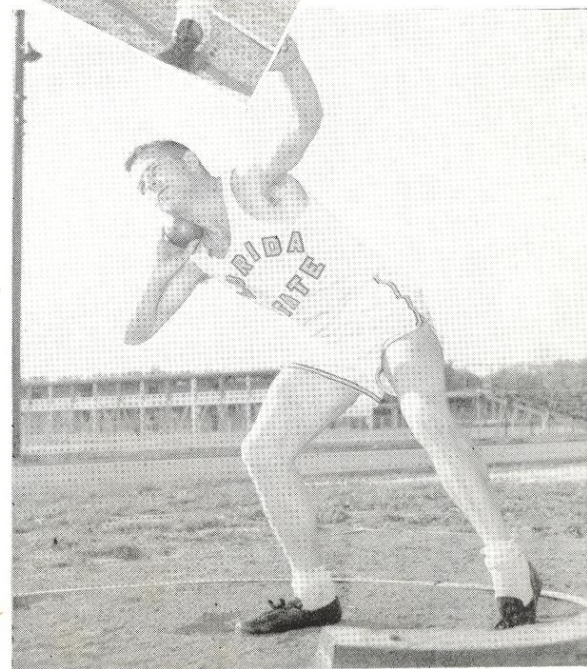
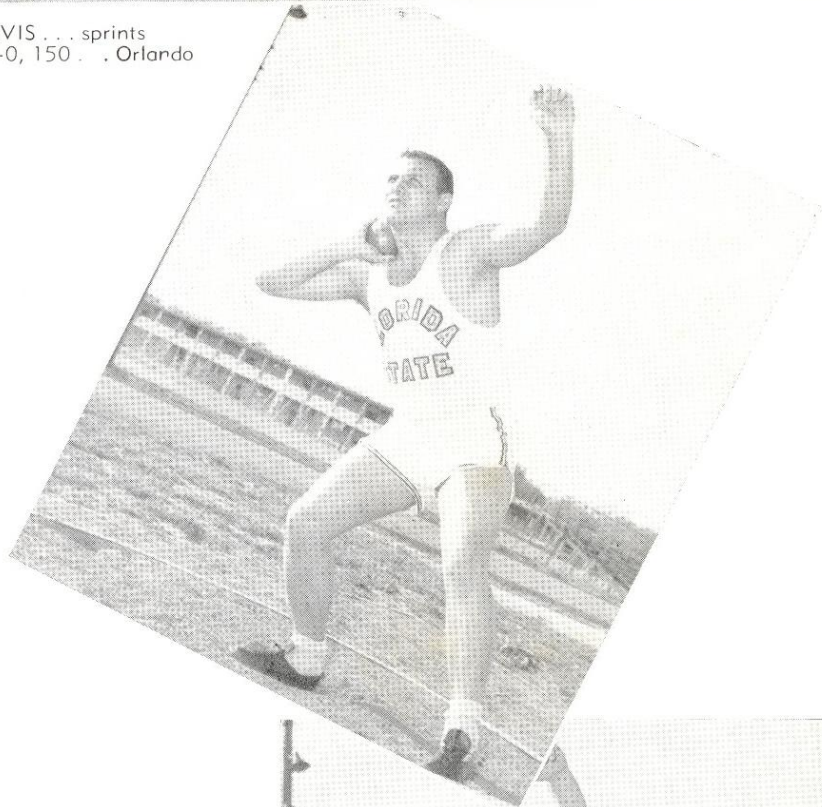
JOE DAVIS . . . sprints
Junior . . . 6-0, 150 . . . Orlando

JACK TERWILLIGER . . . relays
Sophomore . . . 5-7, 140 . . . Dade City

JERRY JACOBS . . . weights
Senior . . . 6-0, 205 . . . South Bend, Ind.

MIKE SMITH . . . weights
Junior . . . 5-9, 185 . . . LaPorte, Ind.

CINDER MEN

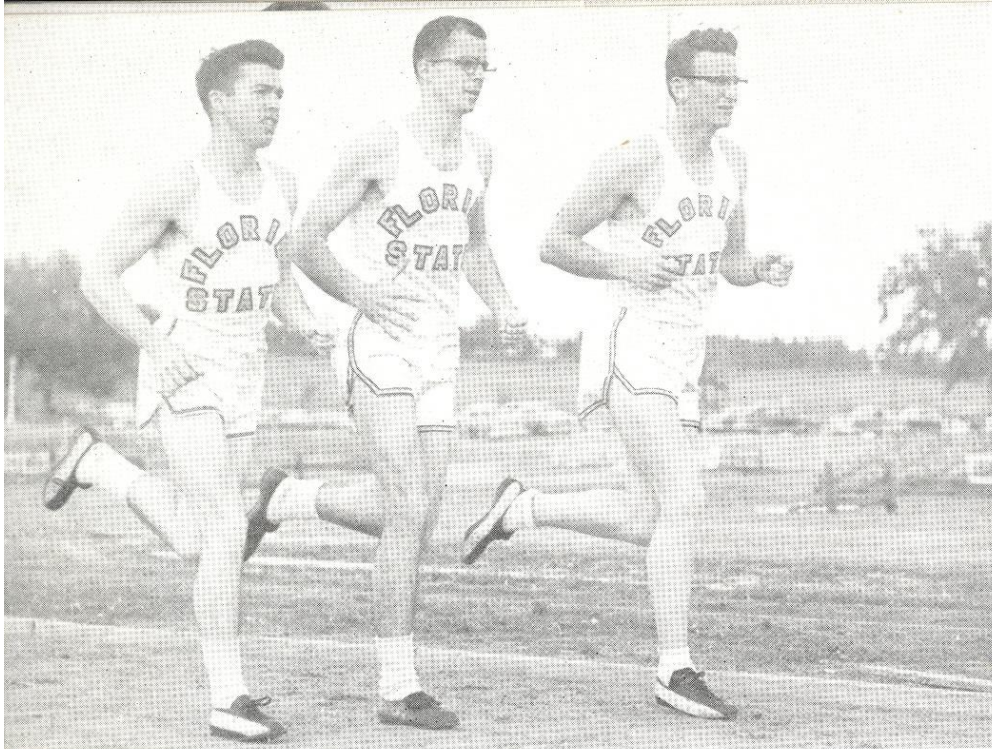


1955 — (Won 5, Lost 1)

FSU 101	Mercer	30
FSU 67 1/3	Georgia	56 2/3
FSU 67 1/3	Georgia Tech	47
FSU 58 2/3	Loyola	72 1/3
FSU 73	Miami	58
FSU 68	Mississippi Southern	58
	FLORIDA AAU	
FSU 51 5/6	Florida	47 3/4

1956 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place
February 25	Atlantic Coast Conference	Raleigh, N. C.
March 28	Mississippi Southern	Tallahassee
March 31	Florida Relays	Gainesville
April 7	Davidson-Mercer	Macon
April 14	Florida	Gainesville
April 21	Georgia-Georgia Tech	Athens
April 28	Loyola	Tallahassee
May 5	A.A.U.	Tallahassee
May 12	Miami	Tallahassee
June	N.C.A.A. (Site and Date to be determined)	



Don Thomas . . . middle distance
Junior . . . 5-4, 130 . . . St. Petersburg

MIKE HILLEGAS . . . sprints
Sophomore . . . 6-0, 155 . . . Camp Hill, Pa.

GARY LETCHWORTH . . . relays
Junior . . . 6-1, 175 . . . Tallahassee



HAROLD ELLIOT . . . distances
Sophomore . . . 5-11, 155 . . . Georgetown, S. C.

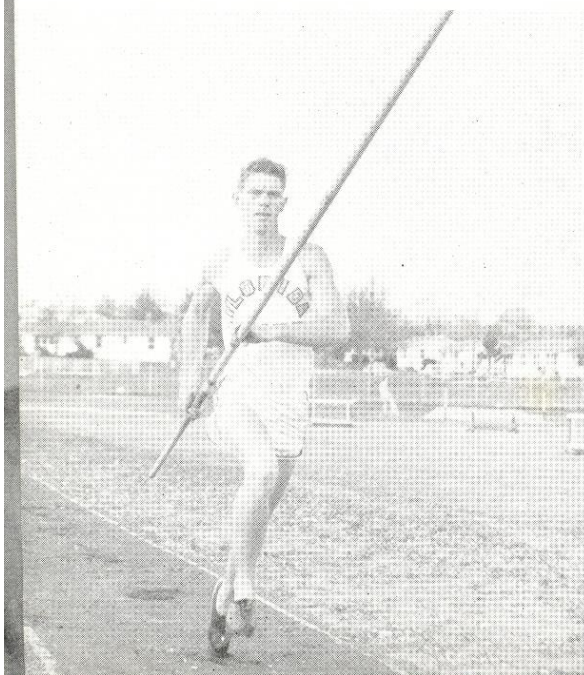
DICK ARTMEIER . . . distances
Senior . . . 6-1, 185 . . . Clarksburg, Ind.

BRUCE JACOB . . . distances
Sophomore . . . 6-2, 180 . . . Sarasota

WARREN STRICKLAND . . . pole vault
Junior . . . 6-2, 170 . . . Miami

LLOYD LASSEN . . . hurdles
Junior . . . 6-3, 180 . . . South Bend, Ind.

GARY LETCHWORTH . . . hurdles



TENNIS

1955 — (Won 10, Lost 6)

FSU 0	Presbyterian	9
FSU 9	Georgia	0
FSU 7	Auburn	1
FSU 8	Ohio State	1
FSU 3	Pensacola Navy	6
FSU 5	Georgia Tech	4
FSU 8	Fla. Southern	1
FSU 0	Rollins	9
FSU 6	Stetson	1
FSU 9	Mississippi	0
FSU 1	Indiana	8
FSU 8	Emory	1
FSU 8	Auburn	0
FSU 4	Georgia Tech	5
FSU 9	Emory	0
FSU 1	Pensacola Navy	8

1956 TENNIS SCHEDULE

Mar. 15	Georgia	Tallahassee
19	Ohio State	Tallahassee
Mar. 21	Southern Illinois University	Tallahassee
24	Georgia Tech	Tallahassee
27	Miami	Tallahassee
28	Florida	Tallahassee
29	Indiana	Tallahassee
April 7	Emory	Tallahassee
10	Mercer	Macon
11	Georgia	Athens
12	Georgia Tech	Atlanta
13	Emory	Atlanta
21	Florida Southern	Tallahassee
28	Mercer	Tallahassee
May 1	Florida	Gainesville
5	Rollins	Tallahassee

KEITH PITCHFORD
Coach

TENNIS TEAM. First row, left to right: Hal Schaus, George Williams, Bill Counts, Shelby Creagh. Second row: Manager Earl Rosier, Dick Sweetman, Dave Reinhart, Bill McKemie, Charles Lockhart, Coach Pitchford.



GOLF

Opening the season with their first State Intercollegiate title, Florida State's golfers were hoping for an unbeaten season in 1956.

Led by such outstanding veterans as Jack Veghte, Bunk Berry, Bob Dunn, Billy Shelton, Harry Shoemaker and newcomer Ed Jenkins, the Seminole linksmen swamped the University of Florida, 22½-4½, then went on to cop the State title, with the 'Gators finishing second.

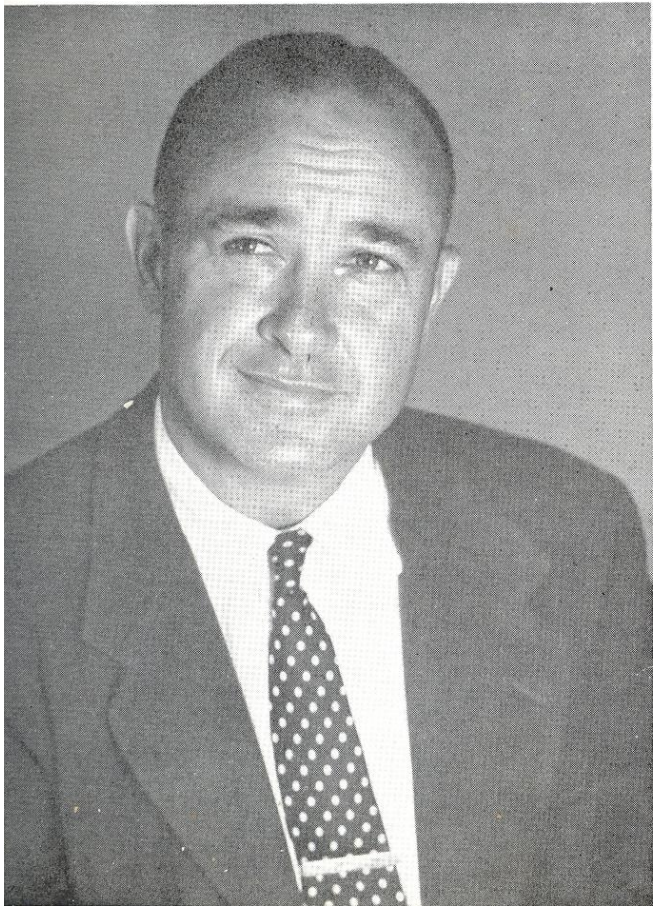
Early in the season, Jenkins put the Seminoles into the spotlight with a record-breaking 62 at the Tallahassee Country Club, giving a good indication that he will be a tough man to beat.

In their opening meet of the campaign the Seminoles swamped Stetson, 27-0, in DeLand. Feature of the season will probably be the big Southern Intercollegiate in May, in Athens, Georgia.

Veghte and Berry were the leading hitters in 1955, averaging 71.8 and 71.9 respectively in pacing the Tribe to a 10-1 mark, the best in school history.

The Seminoles lost no front line men from that squad, and on the basis of their sparkling start a good season was expected.

DR. DON VELLER
Coach



SQUAD. Kneeling, left to right: Bunk Berry, Bill Shelton, Bob Shuman, Jack Veghte, Ross Carino. **Standing:** Dr. Don Veller, Bobby Dunn, Edwin Jenkins, Harry Shoemaker, Bob Shave, Sherril Johnson, Manager Tuffy Parsons.
Bottom: Bobby Dunn has a kind word for one of his University of Florida opponents after the match which gave FSU their first State Intercollegiate title.

1956 VARSITY GOLF SCHEDULE

February 23-26	George Washington	Tallahassee
	Tournament	
March 2	Stetson	DeLand
March 3	Florida Southern	Lakeland
March 5	University of Florida	Tallahassee
March 8-10	State Intercollegiate	
	Tournament	Ocala
March 16	Auburn	Tallahassee
March 20	Georgia	Tallahassee
March 23	Maxwell Air Force Base	Tallahassee
April 6	Jacksonville Navy	Tallahassee
April 7	Stetson	Tallahassee
April 9	Georgia Tech	Atlanta
April 11	Rollins	Tallahassee
April 14	Auburn	Auburn
April 16	University of Florida	Gainesville
April 21	Rollins	Winter Park
May 2	Georgia	Athens
May 2-5	Southern Intercollegiate	
	Tournament	Athens, Ga.



BILL ODENEAL
Coach

VOLLEYBALL

1955 — Won 33, Lost 14. National Intercollegiate Champions; Florida AAU champions; runner-up in St. Petersburg and Pensacola Invitational.

Coach Bill Odeneal brought five All-Americans and a national champion team back to the campus in 1955, and he and his boys were looking forward to another great year in the Spring of 1956.

After winning the National Open title in 1955, the Seminoles had high hopes of making a trip to Seattle, Washington, to defend their title this year.

The five returning All-Americans, who returned for the '56 season were, Bernie McCann, Lyle Lazear, Ray Johnson, Eugene Lewis and Phil Slaton.

1956 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
Dec. 3	St. Pete. Invitational	St. Petersburg
Jan. 28	Pensacola Open	Pensacola
Feb. 11	Columbus Ga. YMCA	Columbus, Ga.
Feb. 18	Albany Ga. YMCA	Tallahassee
Mar. 3	Pensacola Navy	Pensacola
Mar. 17	State AAU	St. Petersburg
Mar. 31	Jacksonville Navy	Jacksonville
April 14	Jacksonville Navy	Tallahassee
April 21	Crescent City Open	New Orleans, La.
May 8	National Intercollegiate	Seattle, Wash.
May 10	National Open	Seattle, Wash.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM. First row, left to right: Jack Mergens, Bernie McCann, Gene Lewis, Ray Johnson, John Miller, Roger Clingerman, Fehmi Zeko. Second row: Coach Odeneal, Joe Rogers, Elmer Johnson, Matt Sullivan, Lyle Lazear, Phil Slaton, Ed Threadgill, David Hultz, Dick Brugge.

