



Head Coach Tom Nugent

football

The question posed by the smiling, affable Irishman Thomas Norman Nugent, in the spring of 1957 was "to be or not to be."

Was Florida State University to be a nationally known or was it to remain a football "small town"?

However, by 1956, the die was cut and the assembly line was producing football talent. After two years of bigtime football, which saw the Seminoles continue their meteoric rise to the ranks of the major football schools, the powers at Westcott nodded approval to FSU's appearance on the football map.

In February, 1957, Nugent was named Director of Intercollegiate Football, in complete control of a newly-created Football Department. With the tacit approval of the administration, football on the FSU campus was given its most significant boost in the short football history at FSU.

The sport which started as a joke 10 years ago was raised to the status of an independent department of Florida State University.

introducing our coaches

The FSU coaching staff; kneeling, front row: Assistant Coach Hugh Adams, Head Coach Tom Nugent, Assistant Coach Frank Toomey. Standing, back row: Assistant coaches Paul Odom, Hugh "Bones" Taylor, Vaughn Mancha, Bob Harbison.

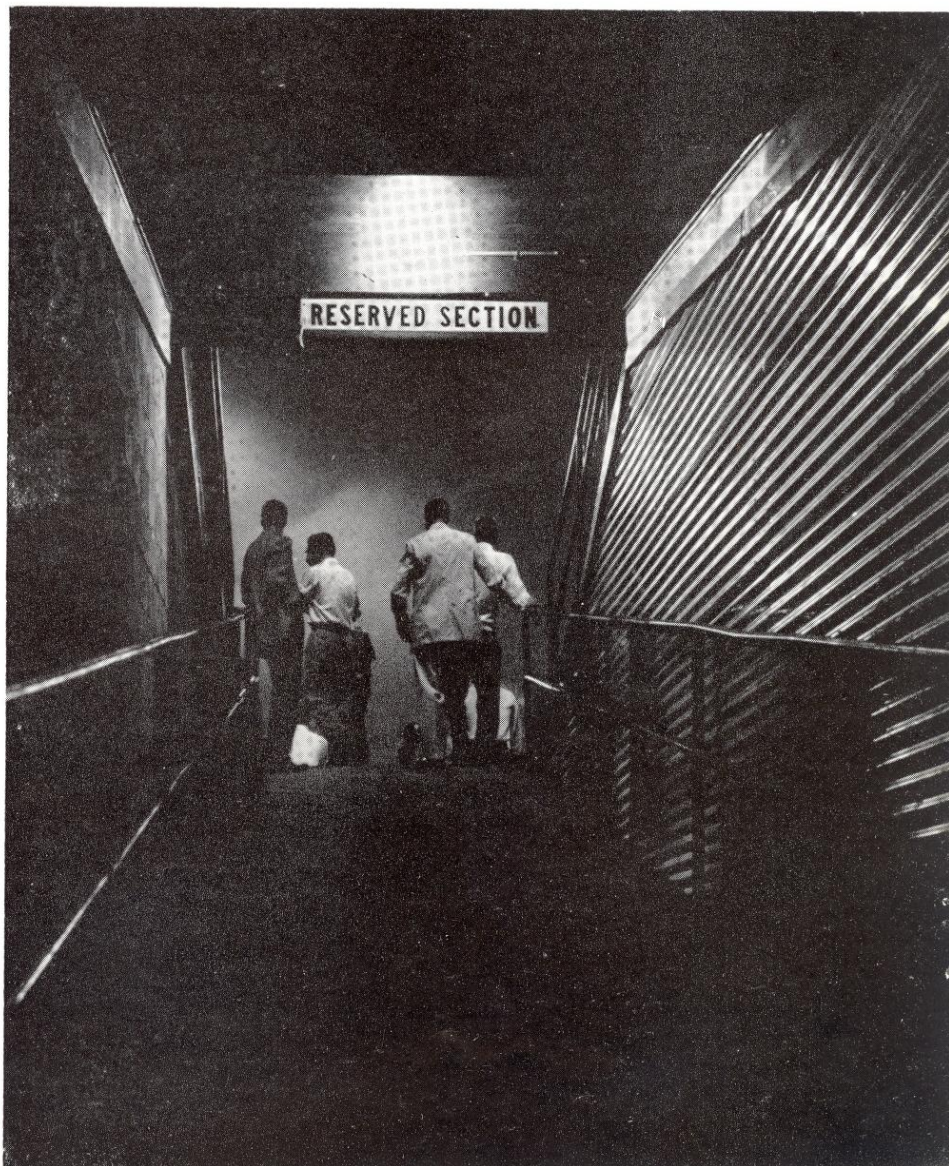




Walking through the stadium parking lot, you feel the spirit of football weather in the air. Outlined against the cold arc lights, Doak S. Campbell stadium offers a cheery hello.

to lead us to our best season yet . . .

Up the ramp to the section marked "reserved" you walk, anticipating the excitement and thrills to come.





Bulling through two tons of human flesh, an Ohio University ball carrier, with the help of a strong forward wall picks up yardage.

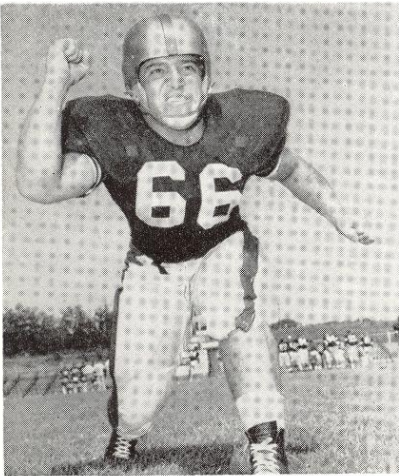
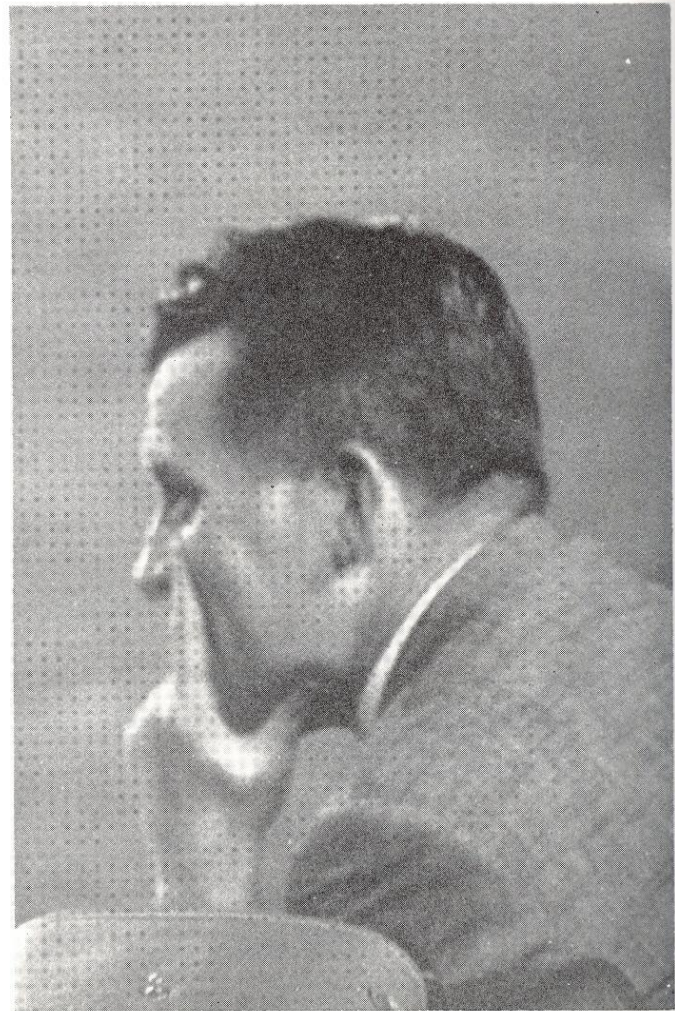
fsu routs ohio 47-7 for first win

The mysterious offensive punch was an "X" factor as the untried Florida State Seminoles met a highly touted Ohio University eleven in the first game of the 1956 season at Doak S. Campbell stadium.

Commencing their second year of major college football, the Seminoles put up a fancy show of offensive skill as could be found anywhere. Lee Corso, playing his first role as quarterback since his freshman year, and Bobby Renn, transfer halfback who was ineligible during the 1955 season, led the assault on the Ohio team.

Two quick Seminole touchdowns buried the Ohioans and the 18,312 fans watched as the home team shoved over five more touchdowns until the final tally read Florida State 47, Ohio University 7.

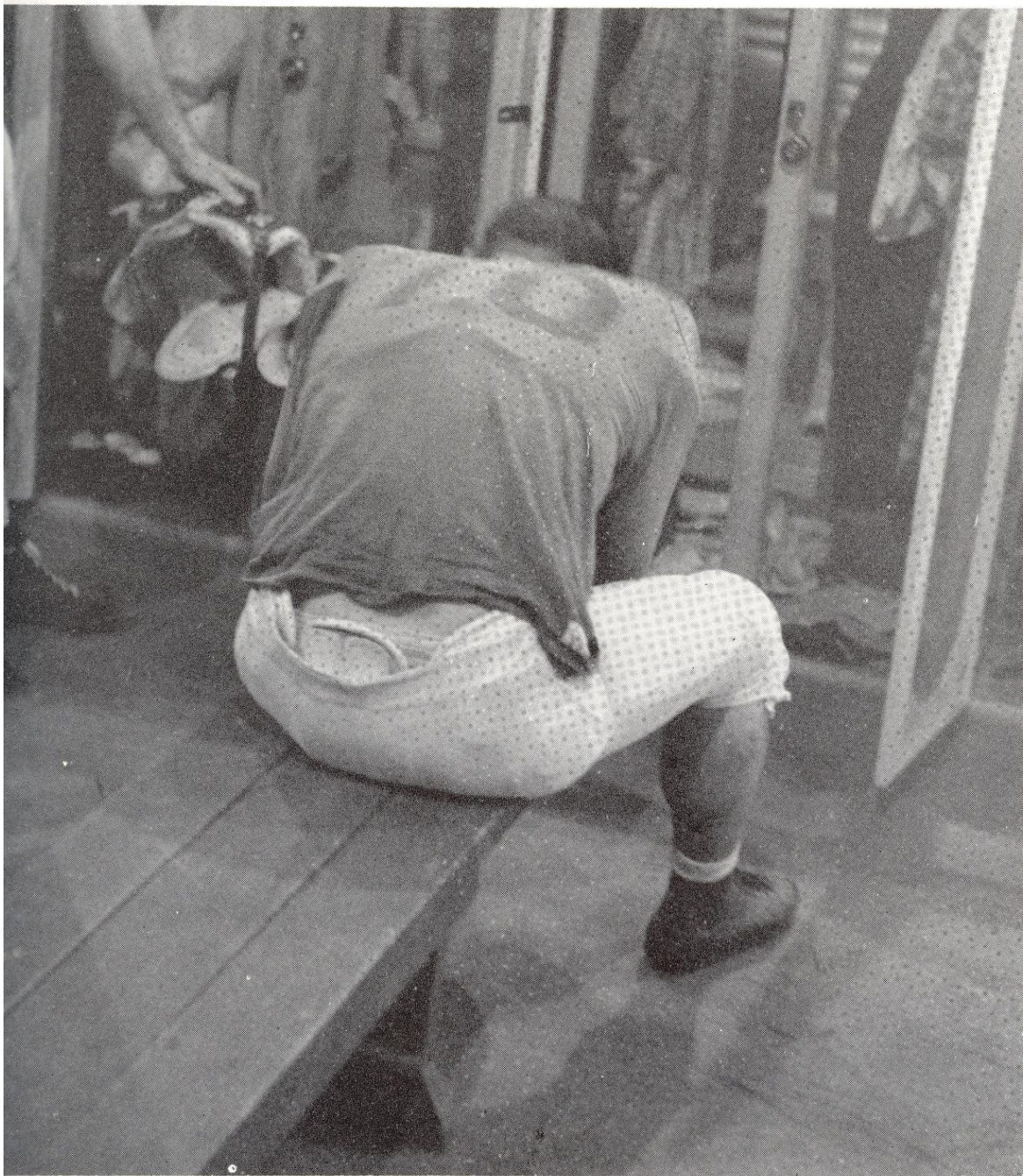
Although seemingly worried over the outcome of the game, Coach Nugent's fears proved to be unjustified as his charges chalked up the biggest opening game win in history.



Al Pacifico, senior guard,
Altoona, Pennsylvania.



Buck Metts, senior halfback,
Sanford, Florida.

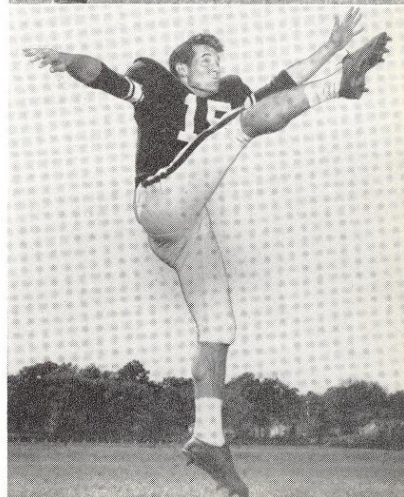
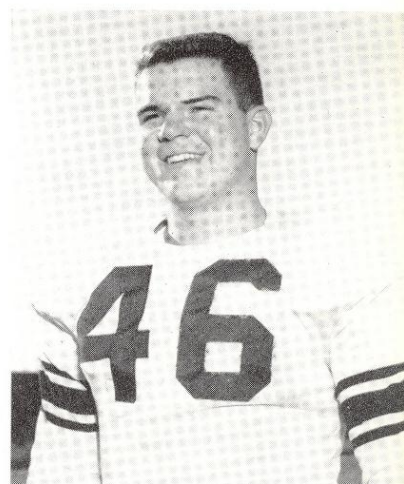


After the game, an exhausted player rests briefly before the trip from Athens to Tallahassee.

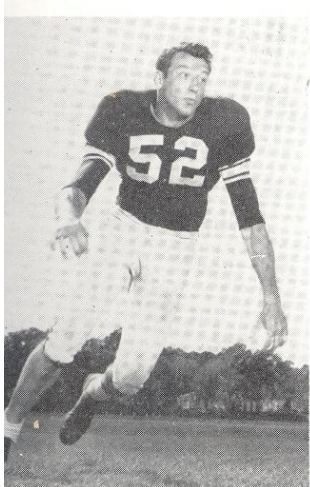
John Craig, junior tackle,
Orlando

Bob Nellums, junior end,
Pensacola

Bobby Renn, sophomore
halfback, Henderson,
North Carolina



bulldog's field goal drops f s u . . . 3 - 0



Troy Barnes, junior center,
Chickasaw, Alabama

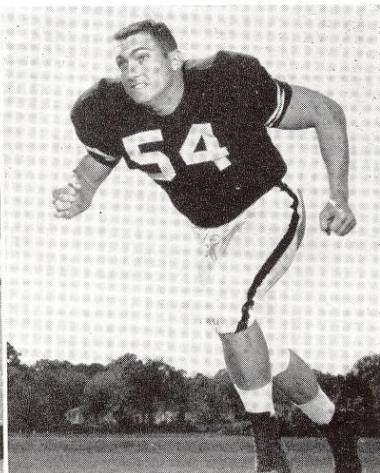
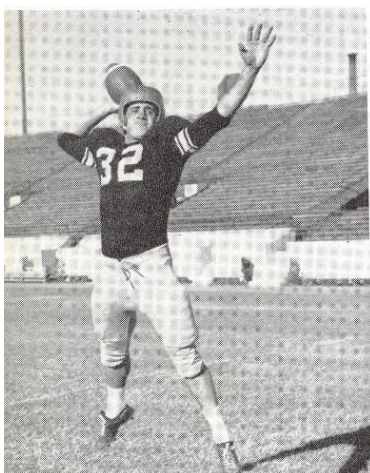
A 36-yard field goal by a second string end with a minute and a half remaining cost FSU a heart-breaking 3-0 defeat after they had a second quarter touchdown called back by a penalty.

Wally Butt's Bulldogs waged an uphill fight against the tight Seminole defense. The Bulldogs could not cross the midfield stripe until late in the first half when they pushed down to the goal.

An abortive FSU scoring attempt was halted by a holding penalty in the first quarter. Bobby Renn took a pitchout from Lee Corso and passed seven yards to Bob Nellums in the end zone. However, a red flag lay on the ground at the seven.



Behind, 7-0, FSU's Rodrigue passes out to the flats. FSU tied score but lost in second half.



Ted Rodrigue, junior quarterback,
Lynn, Massachusetts

George Boyer, junior tackle,
Jacksonville

Florida State's bid to harness a power packed Virginia Tech eleven flared brightly then went out on the wings of a 66 yard punt return late in the first quarter.

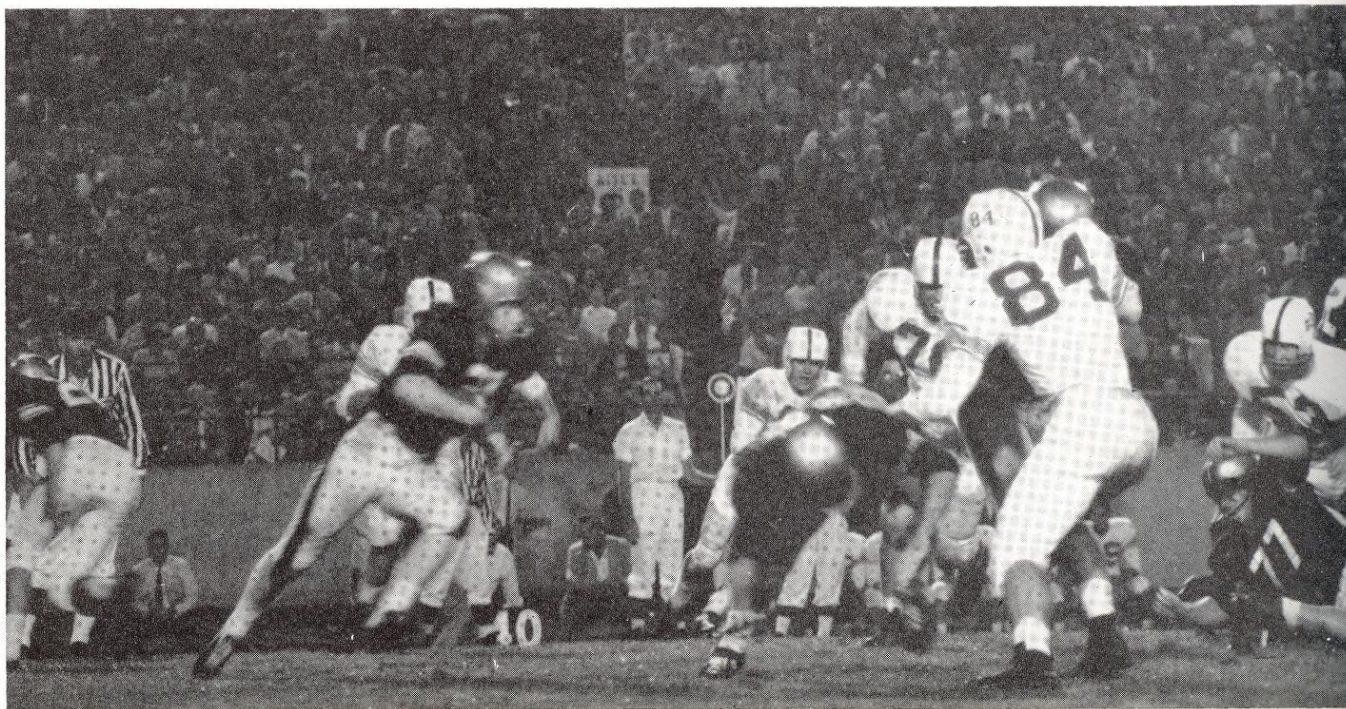
VPI halfback pulled in a punt on his own 34 then evaded the entire FSU defensive unit to score the first Gobbler touchdown.

Reserve quarterback Ted Rodrigue entered the game late in the second stanza in an attempt to tie the ballgame. He did—within a minute and a half Rodrigue found end Bob Nellums in the end zone with an arcing pass.

The Techmen bounced back in the final stanza with two touchdowns and the possession of the ballgame.

vpi's late rally dumps tribe 20-7

Taking the handoff, an FSU back aims for a hole off tackle. Note the block thrown by a Seminole lineman.





This appears to be an easy night for Coach Nugent.

Maybe it wasn't so easy for one Seminole.

A prancing, dancing Miami speedster, Lee Corso, dulled the fangs of a surprised Wolfpack in Raleigh.

After a frustrating first half, which saw the Seminoles penetrate the N. C. State lair five times, Corso scored once and set up another touchdown in the final half. The Wolfpack stopped Tribe drives on the 36, 22, 8, 12, and the 35 yard lines.

Corso bulled over from the 38 for the first tally and Vic Prinzi passed to Bob Nel-lums for the other tally.

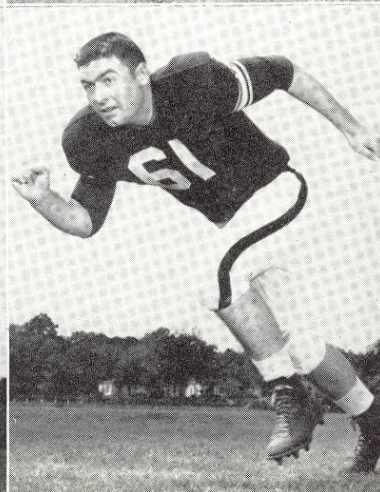
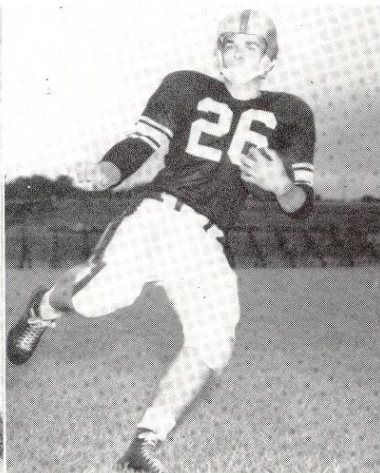


stiff defense halts nc state 14-0

Lee Corso, senior quarterback,
Miami
Joe Holt, senior fullback,
Henderson, North Carolina

Bill Weaver, junior halfback,
Coral Gables
Joe McGee, sophomore guard,
Raleigh, North Carolina

A little worse for wear, defensive standout Joe Holt is greeted by
President Campbell.



and the rains began...

Early in the game, a Wake Forest kicker punts just out of reach of a host Seminole defenders.

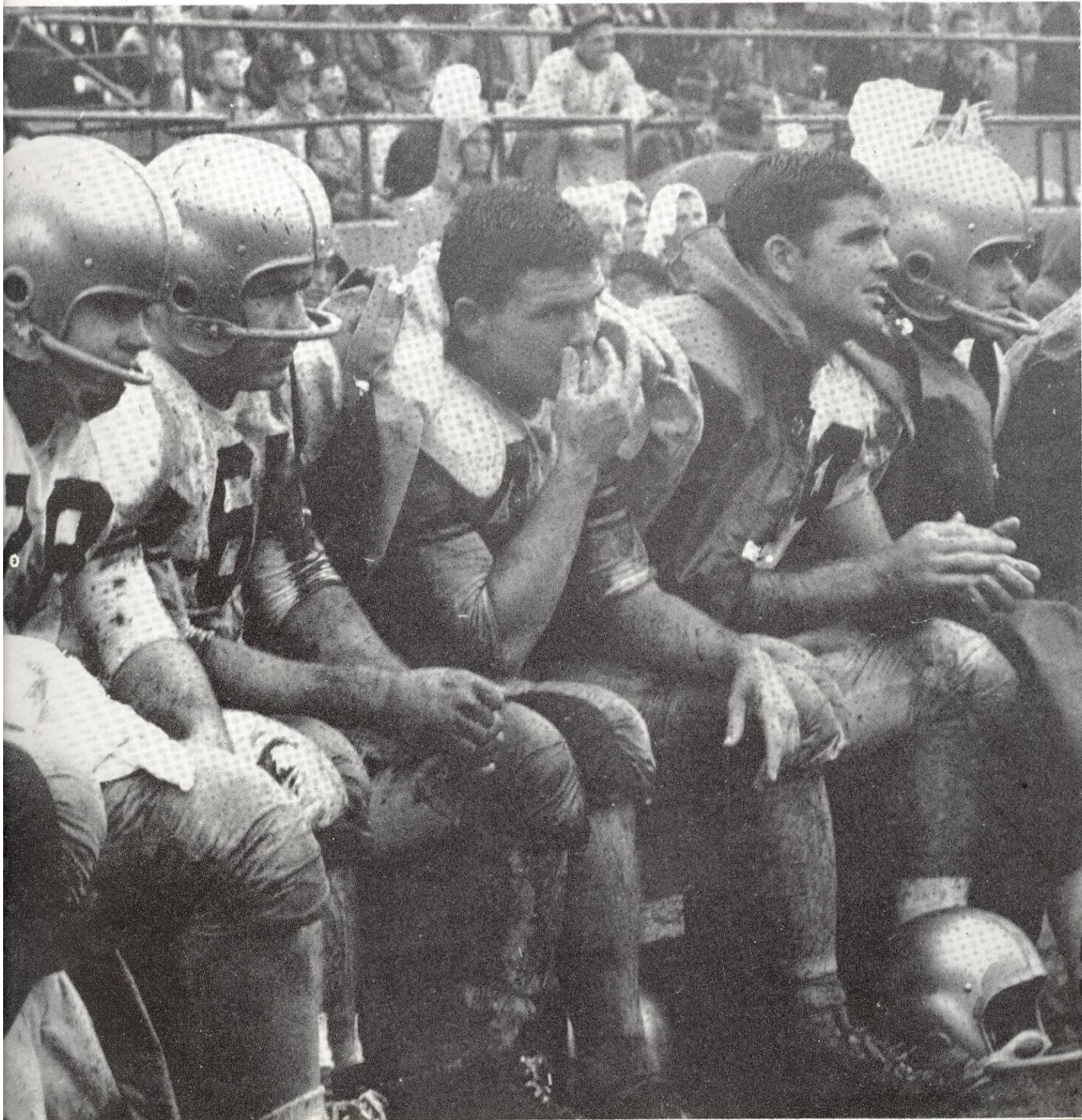


If first you don't succeed, try to jump over your blocker.



wake forest tied 14-14

Splattered with mud, a group of FSU reserves sit in the downpour awaiting another chance to get in the game.





This doesn't exactly qualify as that fall afternoon hike.

in soggy homecoming

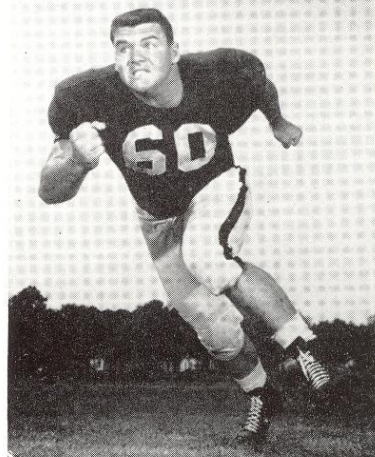
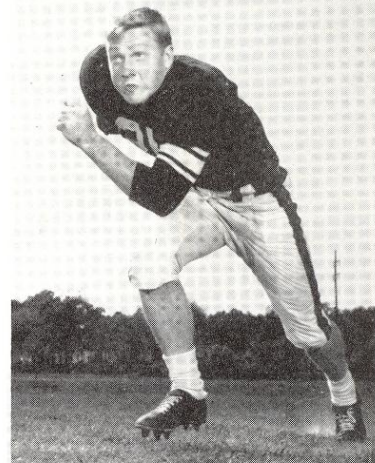
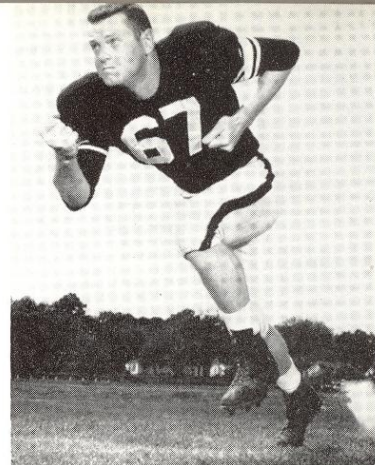
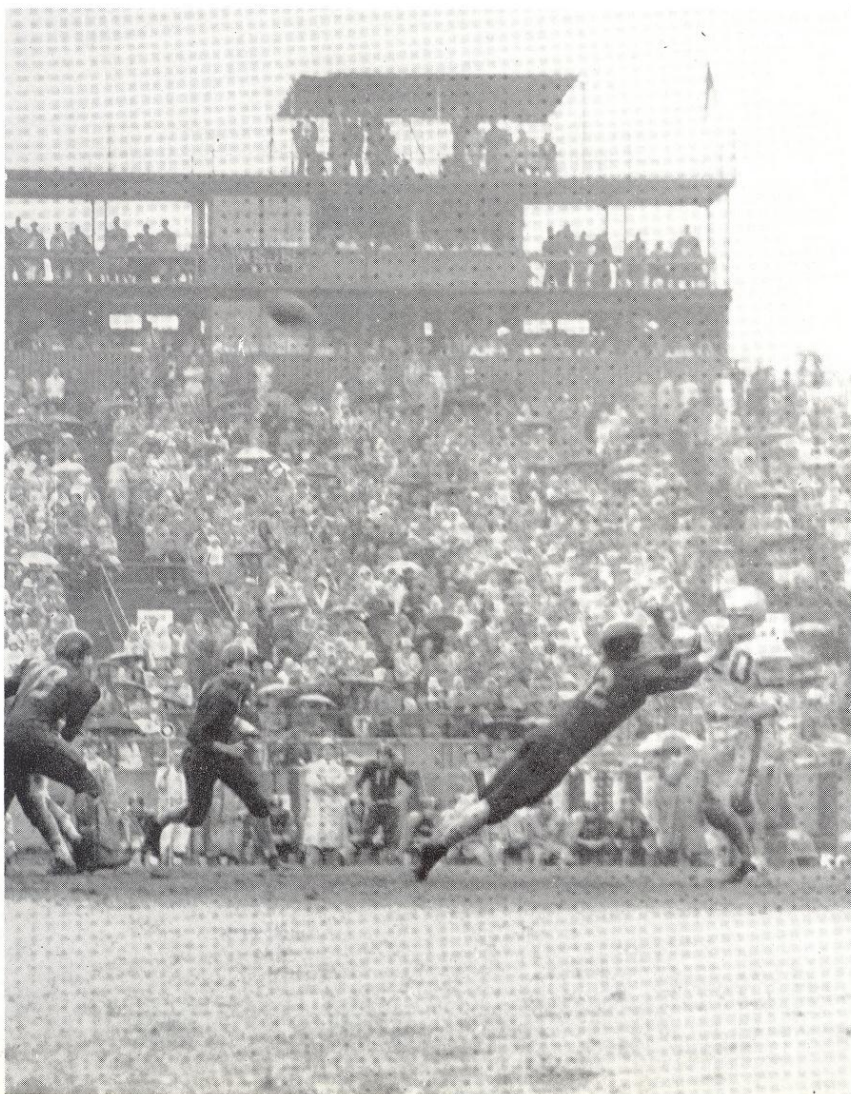
A rain drenched Homecoming crowd of 14,000 sat in a steady drizzle for two hours to watch the Seminoles exact a 14-14 tie from Wake Forest.

All American candidate Bill Barnes scored both Deacon touchdowns to match the Tribe pair. Barnes scored in the first quarter at the climax of a 38 yard scoring drive, then again at the start of the second quarter from the 2½ yard line.

A pass interference penalty gave the Seminoles the ball on the one, where two plays later, Lee Corso crashed for one Tribe tally. Buck Metts scored from the four for the other FSU touchdown.

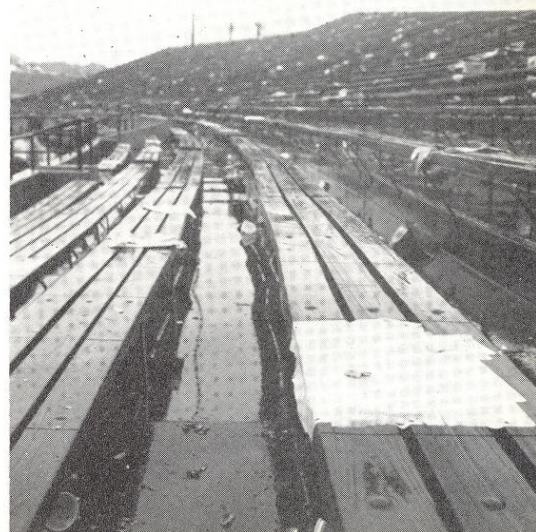
Late in the final quarter, Bob Nellums' attempted field goal, sailed wide, and the game ended 14-14.

This Wake Forest tackle seems to be trying to cha-cha with passer Lee Corso.



Bob Elliott, junior guard,
St. Petersburg
Billy Odom, senior halfback,
Mt. Dora
Leo Baggett, junior guard,
Panama City

Two hours later, after the drenched crowd left, only a few soggy reminders are left to testify to the 1956 homecoming game.





On one of Coach Nugent's patterned I-formation specials, tail back Billy Odom takes the snap and behind a line of blockers, skirts right end.

The Seminoles invaded the spacious parenthesis of the huge Philadelphia Municipal Stadium opposing one of the most vicious passing attacks and the most frigid weather they had encountered yet. The Villanova Wildcats, playing in familiar surroundings and familiar weather, threatened early in the first quarter then bogged down.

Northerner Vic Prinzi struck back, scoring in the first

period. Reserve quarterback Ted Rodrique that got in the game before the half ended, lofting a scoring pass to end Bob Nellums in his first appearance in the game.

Another pass climaxed the FSU scoring for the evening. Le Corso fired a pass to fullback Joe Holt from the Wildcat 9 to the end zone. "Automatic" Jack Sheppard split the uprights for the Seminoles' third score. The final score . . . 20-13.



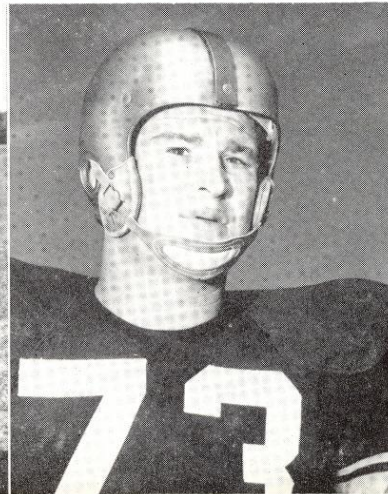
fsu edges 'cats 20-13

Coach Nugent ponders pensively the play on the other end of the field.

Vic Prinzi, junior quarterback,
Waverly, New York

Bill Musselman, junior tackle,
Lynchburg, Virginia

Jerry Graham, sophomore tackle,
Chicago, Illinois

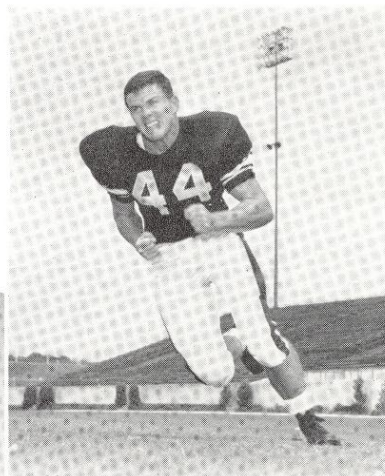




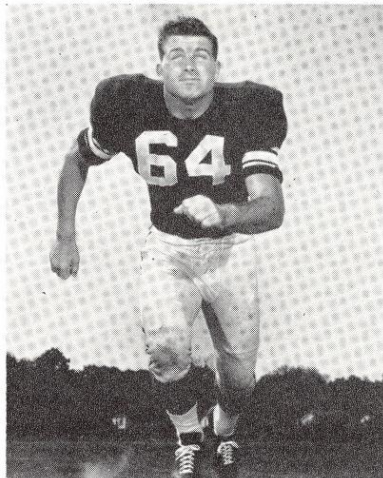
'canes halt seminoles 20-7

It took a long time to get started against Miami's Hurricanes, but when they did, it took a 15-yard penalty to keep them from scoring twice in the fourth quarter.

Left—Maybe it was the Hurricanes, the Miami defense, or Andy Gustafson and company, but Seminole followers swore it was the black cat that led to their defeat.



Eddie Johnson, junior fullback, Charleston, West Virginia.



Bud Leonard, senior center, Ocala.

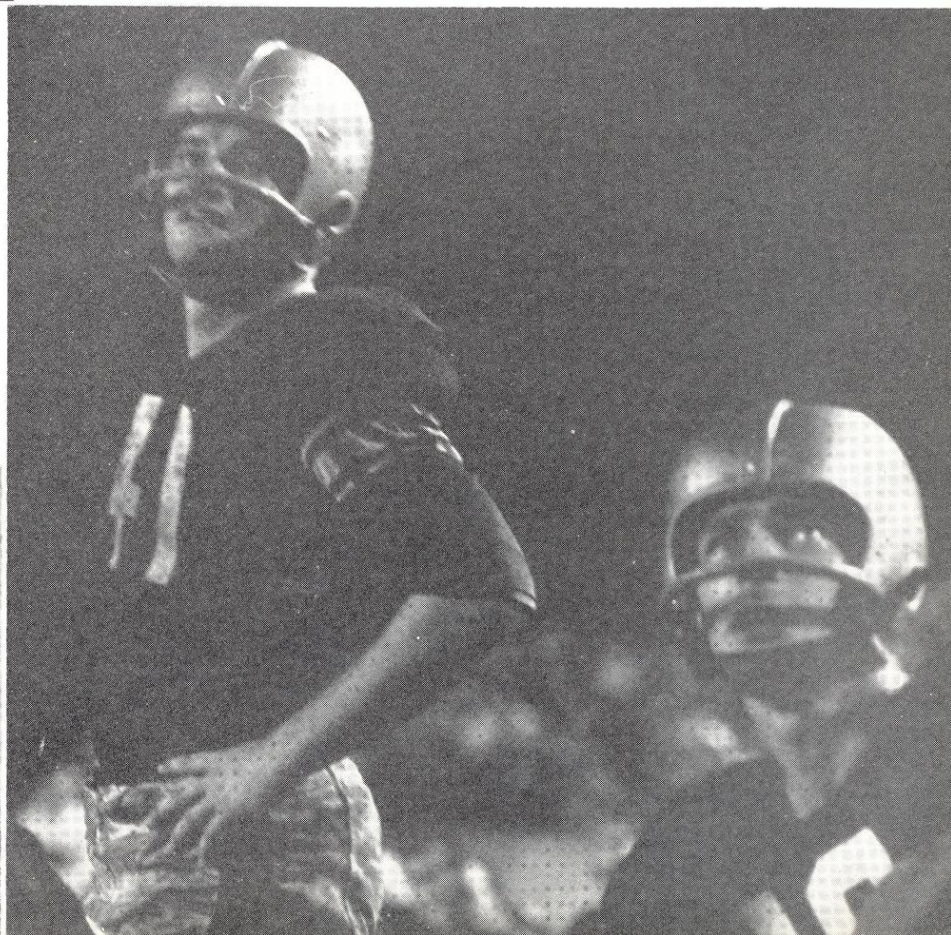
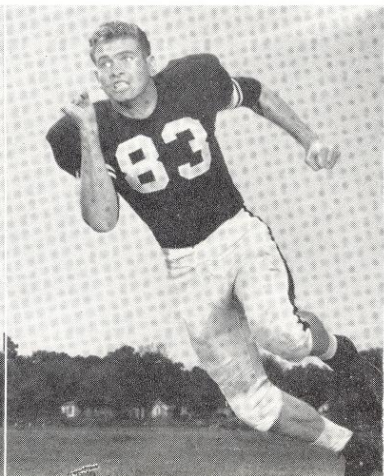
Backs Joe Holt and Vic Prinzi eye the struggle at midfield as FSU stages a fourth quarter rally.

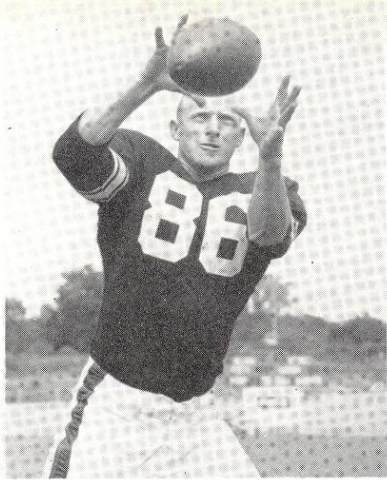
Time and time again, it was Ted Rodrique who kept FSU rolling in that game before 36,000 in the Orange Bowl. Twice in the final period, Rodrique kept the Seminoles close to the goal line.

First Rodrique threw to Stan Dobosz for the touchdown, but that was called back 15 yards by the illegal shift penalty. The next scoring drive was more successful, however, as Rodrique fired the Seminoles to a first down on the two-yard line. Lee Corso plunged over from there for the only score for the Seminoles.

Thomas, sophomore tackle, Mansfield, Ohio.

Bob Fountain, sophomore end, Crestview.

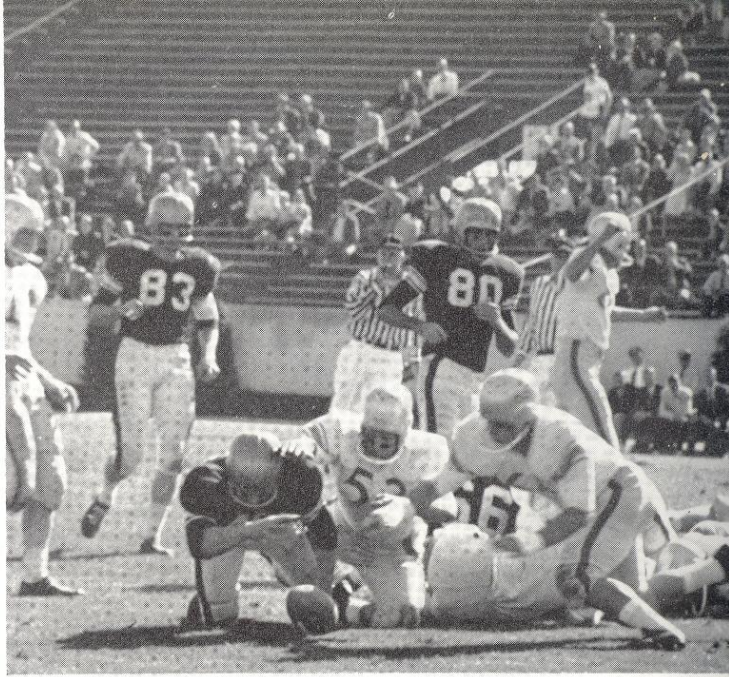




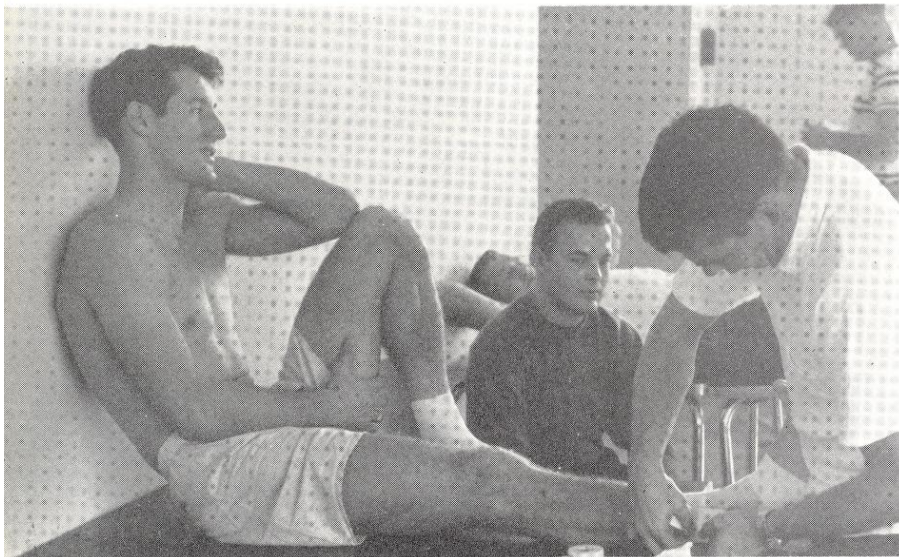
Jim Arnold, junior end, from Bainbridge, Georgia.



Stan Dobosz, junior halfback, from East Chicago, Indiana.



There seems to be a premium on pigskin as Seminole Eddie Johnson gets the jump on two Furman defenders.



Halfback Renn relaxes before the game as trainer Don Falls tapes his ankle.

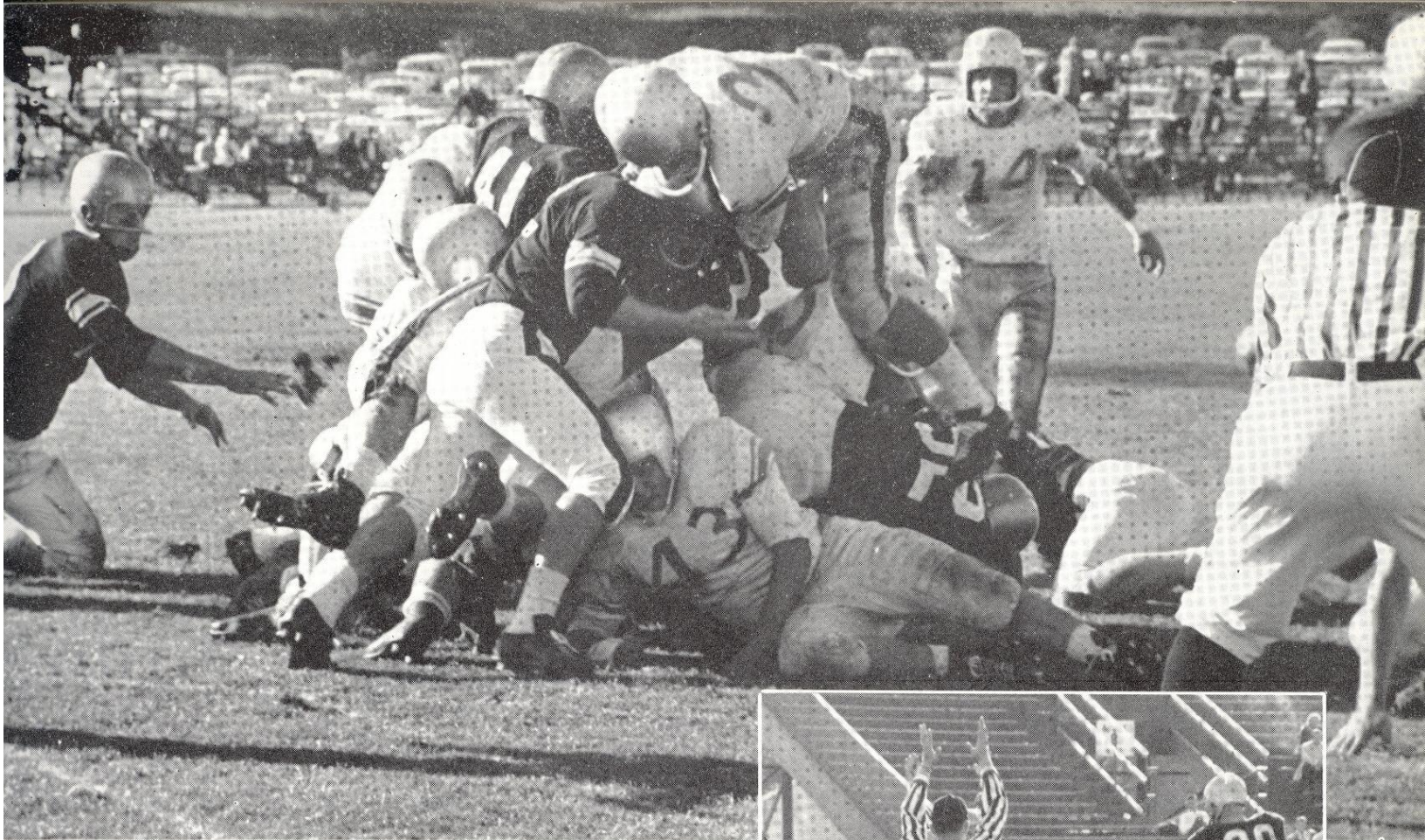
The Seminoles scored the biggest coup of the year as they scored the first time they got the ball, then went on to overpower Furman, 42-7, before a Dad's Day crowd of 9000.

Lee Corso and Bobby Renn were once again the key to victory as Corso passed for two touchdowns and rushed for 87 yards, while Renn scored twice and ran for 119 yards.

fsu flays furman

Players' fathers burst with pride as FSU scores biggest Dad's Day victory in history.

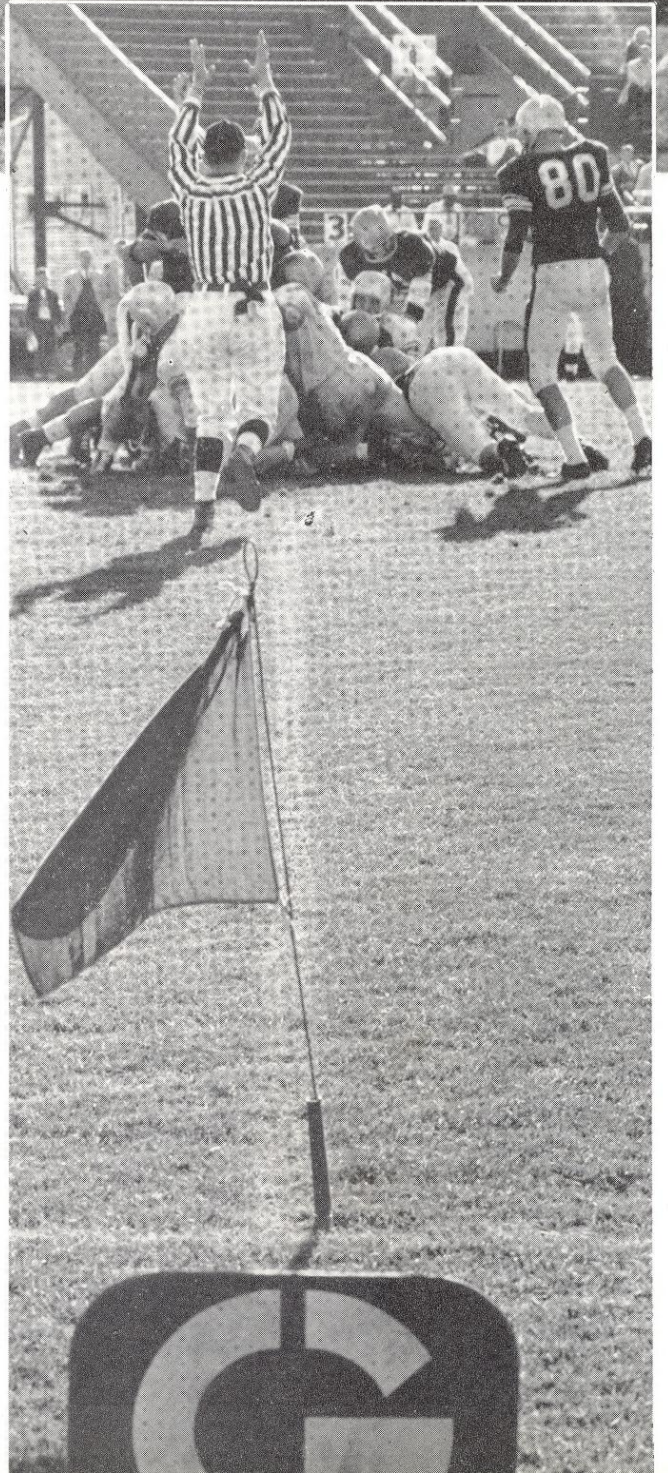
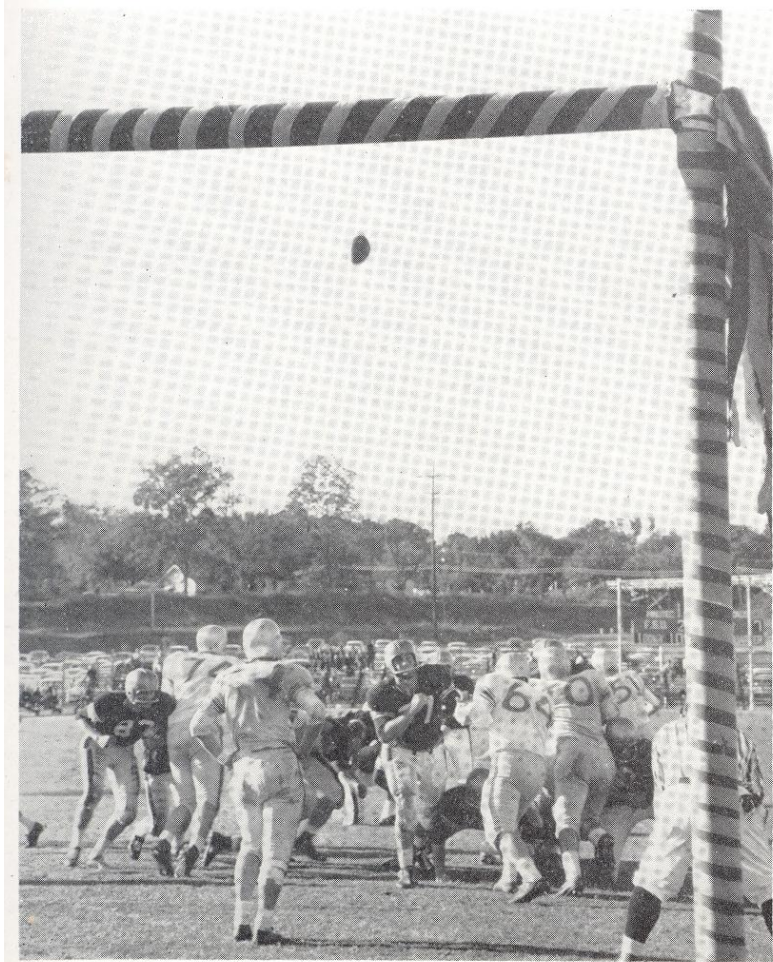




Furman back leaps . . . before scoring only touchdown.

42-7 before dads

John Sheppard's kick splits the upright for the extra point:

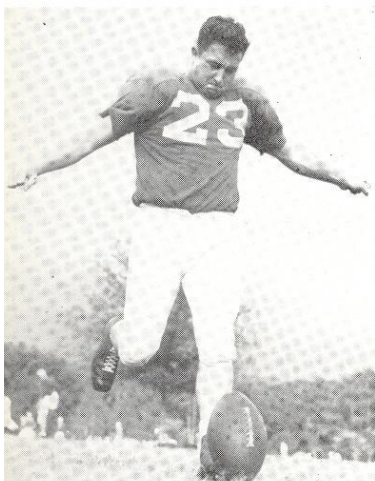




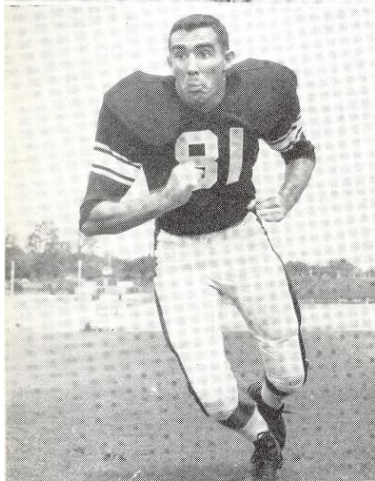
A Southern defender upends Buck Metts along the sidelines.



Stan Dobozy appears to be squirting out of the hands of a huge Southern tackler.



John Sheppard, sophomore extra point kicker, Tallahassee.



Ham Bisbee, junior end, Sanford.

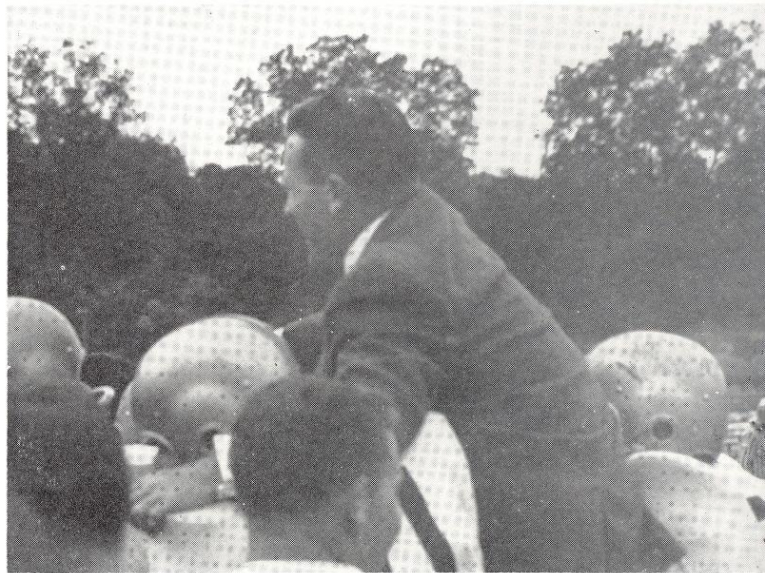


Gerald Philp, junior end, Royal Oak, Michigan.

last minute kick tops southerners 20-19

The reliable toe of John Sheppard, which had successfully converted 18 out of 19 extra point attempts, once again made the difference. Late in the fourth quarter, Sheppard kicked the point which gave FSU the game.

Even though, the Seminoles had to fight off an inspired Southern squad to win in the fourth period. In that final period, Southern's huge quarterback Bobby Hughes tossed a dramatic touchdown pass to end Pete Waits at the goal to set up the score. But a high pass from center kept the Southerners from converting successfully.



powerful auburn halts seminoles 13-7



Only one obstacle seems to be in Bobby Renn's way to success.

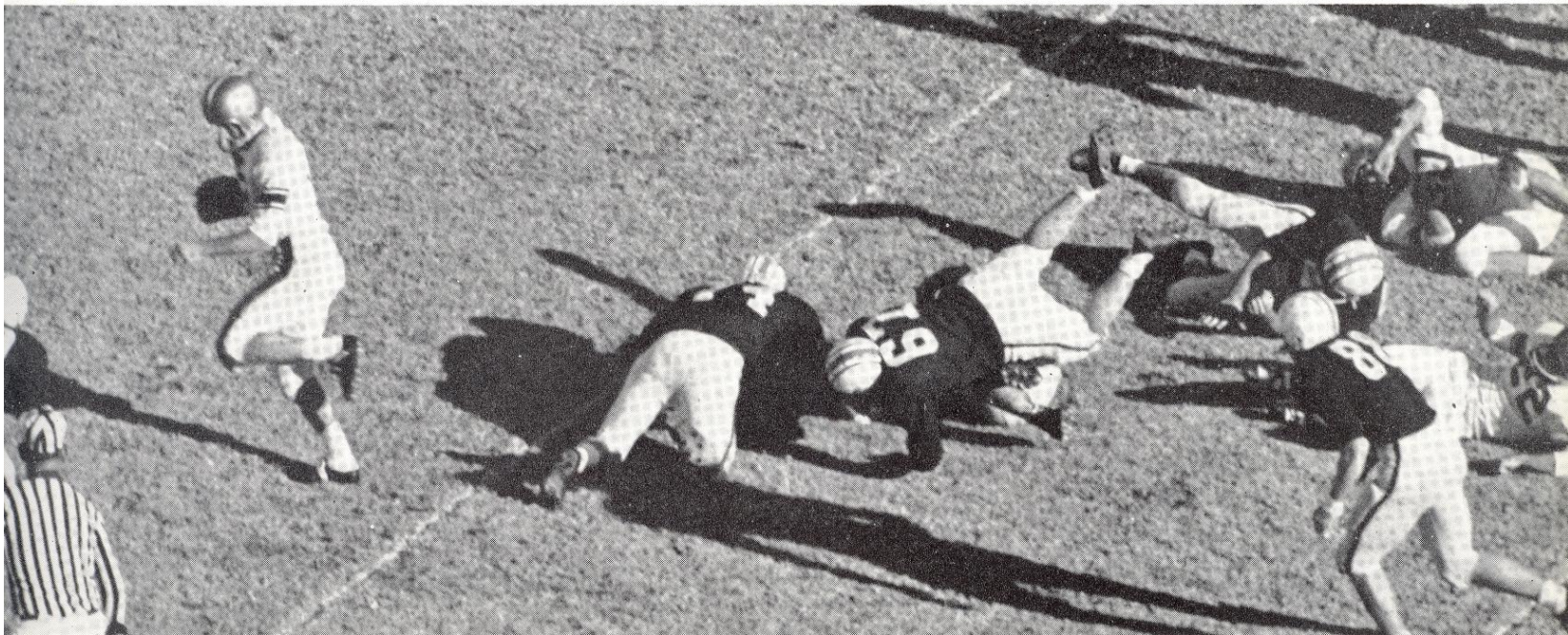


The Pacifico family at one of the weekly outings. That's nice.

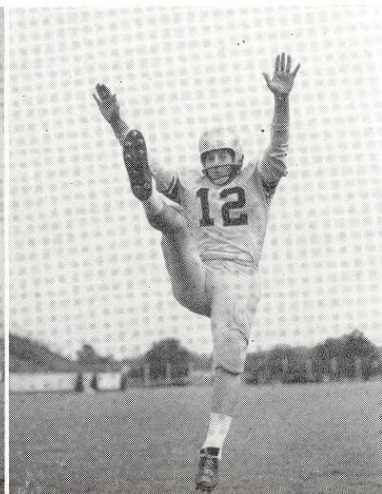
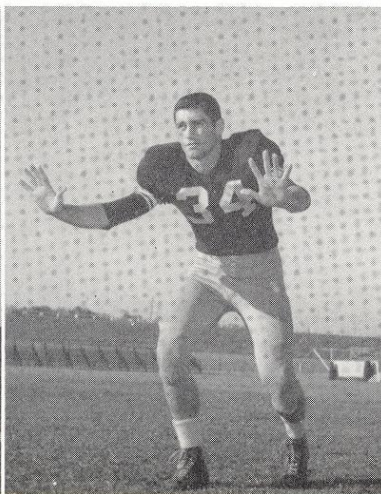
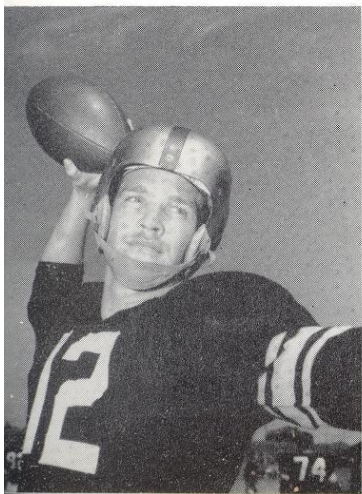
One of those freak plays that you only read about and never see happen, really happened to the Seminoles against Auburn. The freak accident probably prevented FSU from defeating its first Southeastern Conference team.

Shortly after an Auburn touchdown, FSU halfback Billy Odom took the kickoff and, finding a clear field in front of him, set sail to the other goal. There was one obstacle in front—a team member, who ran in front of him and tripped him.

The only real Seminole score came midway in the third period as Len Swantic passed to Joe Holt for the score.



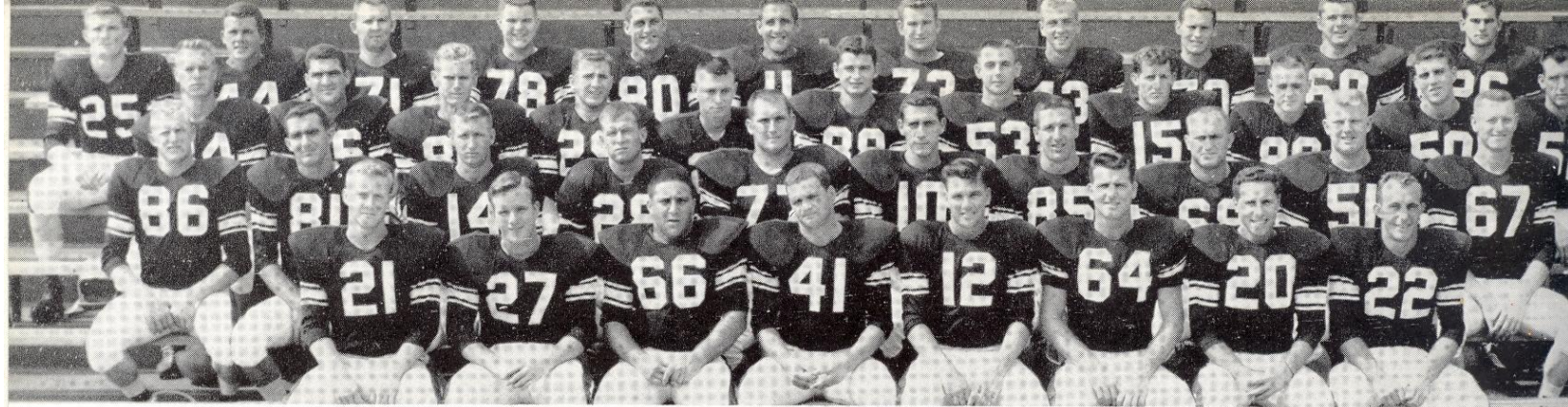
A Seminole evades a host of Auburn defenders.



Len Swantic, senior quarterback,
Columbus, Georgia.

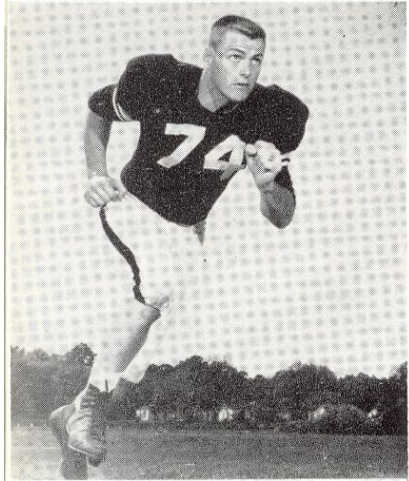
Ron Schomburger, junior end,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Carmen Battaglia, junior fullback,
Niagara Falls, New York.



THE 1957 SEMINOLE FOOTBALL TEAM

First row: Billy Odom, Stan Dobosz, Al Pacifico, Joe Holt, Len Swantic, Bud Leonard, Lee Corso, Buck Metts. Second row: Jim Arnold, Ham Bisbee, Jerry Henderson, Wes Minton, George Boyer, Vic Prinzi, Bob Nellums, Ted Williams, Melvin Pope, Bob Elliott. Third row: Bill Kimber, Bob Keys, Bob Fountain, Carmen Buttaglia, Bill Atkins, Ron Wetherington, Stuart Keith, Bob Renn, Gerald Philp, Millard Davis, Troy Barnes. Fourth row: Pat Vesprille, Ed Johnson, Steve Holton, John Craig, Ron Schomburger, Ted Rodrique, Bill Musselman, Oather Taylor, Bob Thomas, Leo Baggett, Bill Weaver.



the team



S-E-M-I-N-O-L-E-S . . . fight!

cheerleaders

The 1956-57 Cheerleaders. First row: Betty Lovan, Nancy Fowler, Judy Dekle, Donna Huggins. Second row: Jim Julian, Sticks Steinberg, Dick Ainsworth, Charles Johnson.

Willie Gardner, junior tackle, Tampa.

Stuart Keith, sophomore center, Panama City.





Head Basketball Coach Bud Kennedy.

basketball

"One of the most barren futures ever," predicted many of the FSU basketball critics. With the loss of high scoring guard, Jim Oler, through graduation last year, and only five lettermen returning, basketball coach Bud Kennedy faced his most grueling schedule with a largely untried team.

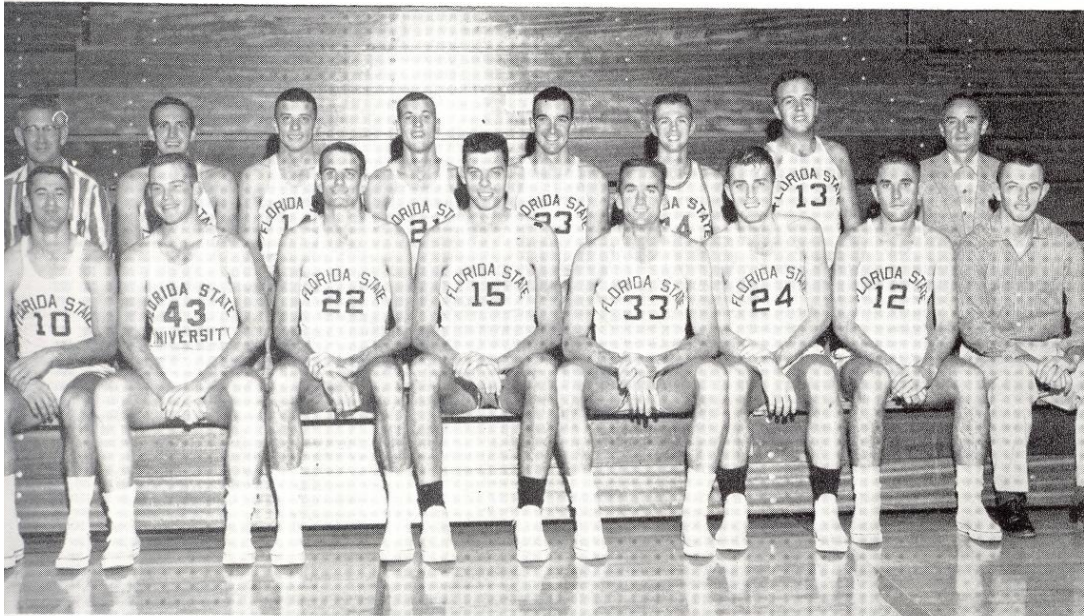
The big question was—who is going to fill Jim Oler's shoes?

Before the season started, Coach Bud Kennedy said, "I believe the boys are ready, though they are perhaps not working as a unit as much as I'd like to see them yet."

In the early games, lack of unity showed. The Seminoles had but a 2-12 record to show at midseason.

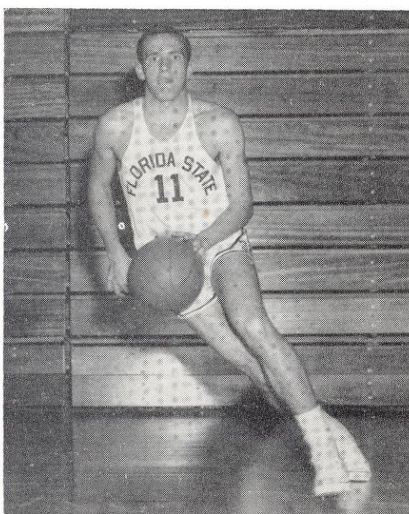
But the Seminoles soon had a new heir apparent to Jim Oler at guard. He was Hugh Durham, who began rewriting the record books with a new school mark for the most points in a single game, against Stetson, in the new men's gymnasium.

seminoles wind up strong, but 9-17

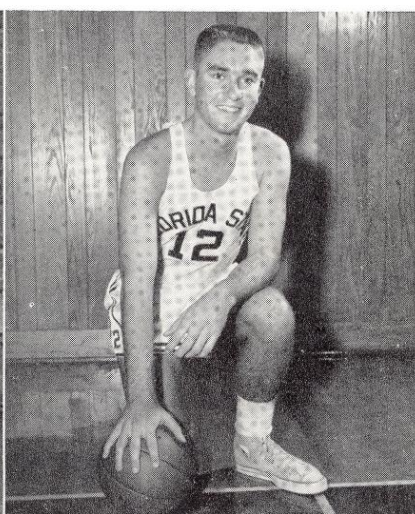


FSU varsity basketball squad; front row, l. to r.: Tom Garcia, Darryll Mahoney, Stu Gregory, Bob Williams, Bob Ward, Fred Twomey, Bob Waites, Manager Jake Jacoby. Second row: Coach Bud Kennedy, Hugh Durham, Joe Williams, Merle Bryant, Joe Westhafer, Tommy Donovan, Larry Strom, and assistant Coach Mile Long.

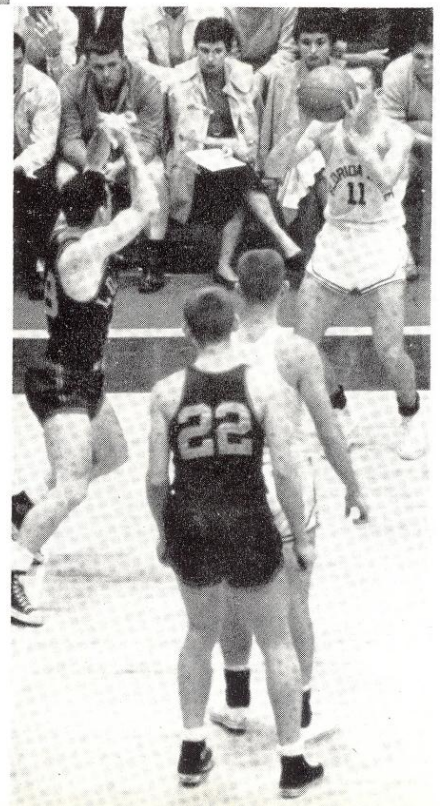
This scene of Hugh Durham shooting his two-handed push shot became a familiar one to Seminole fans.

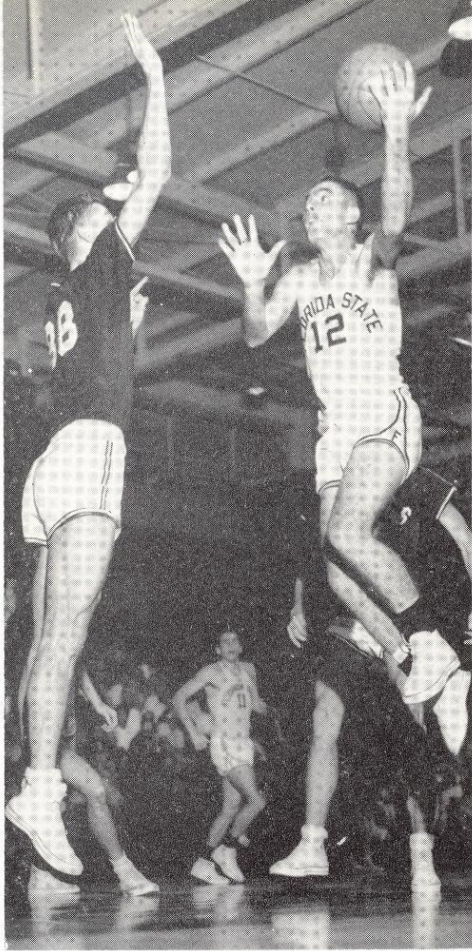


Hugh Durham, guard, Louisville, Kentucky



Bob Waites, forward, Jacksonville.





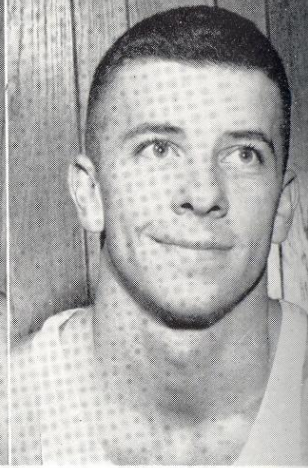
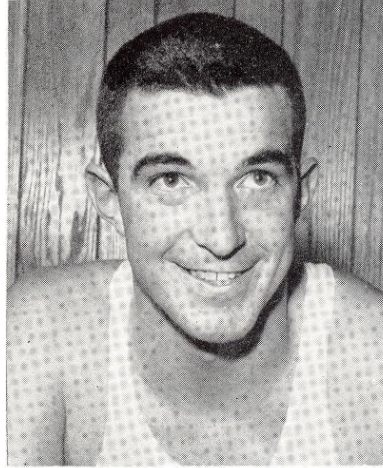
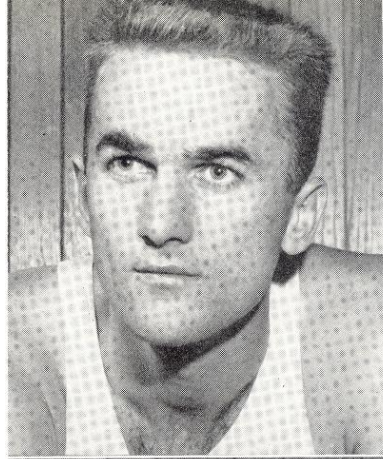
Bob Waites leaps high in the air to lay up another FSU basket.

Bob Ward, forward,
Lynette, Alabama

Stu Gregory, forward,
Jacksonville

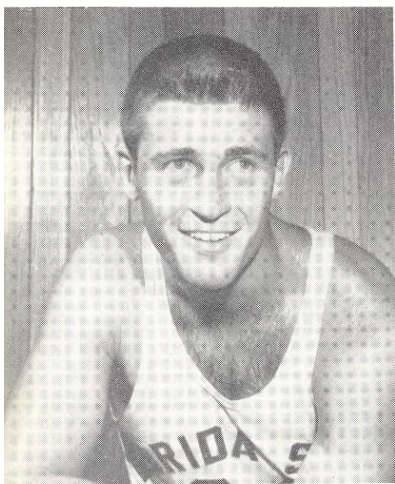
Joe Westhafer,
forward,
Greensburg, Indiana

Joe Williams, guard,
Tallahassee



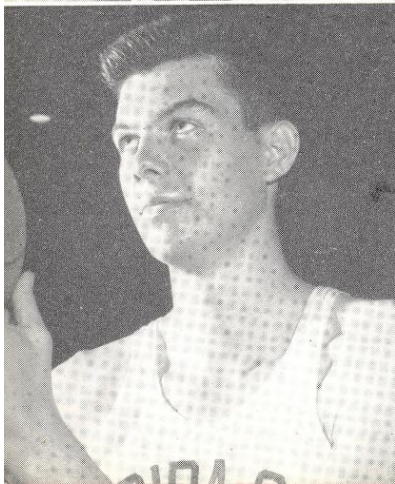
soph star durham provides scoring punch

Larry Strom swings wildly to block a Loyola shot.



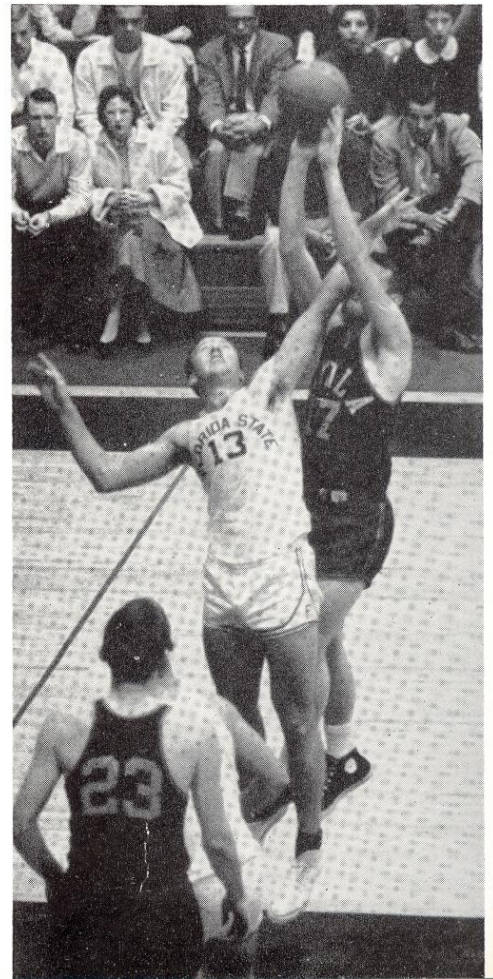
Bob Casteel, center,
Fort Lauderdale

Fred Twomey,
forward,
Gloucester, Mass.



Bob Williams, center,
Covington, Indiana

Tom Garcia, guard,
Fort Myers



Durham put on a 43 point performance, which cracked the old high of 42, set by Oler against Morning-side College in 1956.

As a team, the Seminoles galvanized their efforts behind the high scoring Durham. In their last 13 games, the Seminoles caught fire and reeled off eight wins to salvage a 9-17 season record.

Although the final record does not look particularly distinguishing, a number of high spots may be noticed. Early in the season, the luckless Seminoles traveled down to Gainesville to meet the high riding Gators. With an 0-4 record, the Tribe faced a difficult task against the Gators, who had yet to lose.

Somehow, against the current of partisan Gator jeers and taunts, Bud Kennedy's charges checked the Gator attack and mounted their own attack to hold a slim lead for 37 minutes of the game.

Slowly in the waning minutes, the Gators hacked away at the Tribe lead, until with three minutes to go, the Gators forged ahead. Two and one half minutes later, the Seminoles rebounded into a tie at 65-65.

Then with only seven seconds left, U of F forward, Joe Hobbs heaved in a one-handed push shot from near half court—and that was the game.

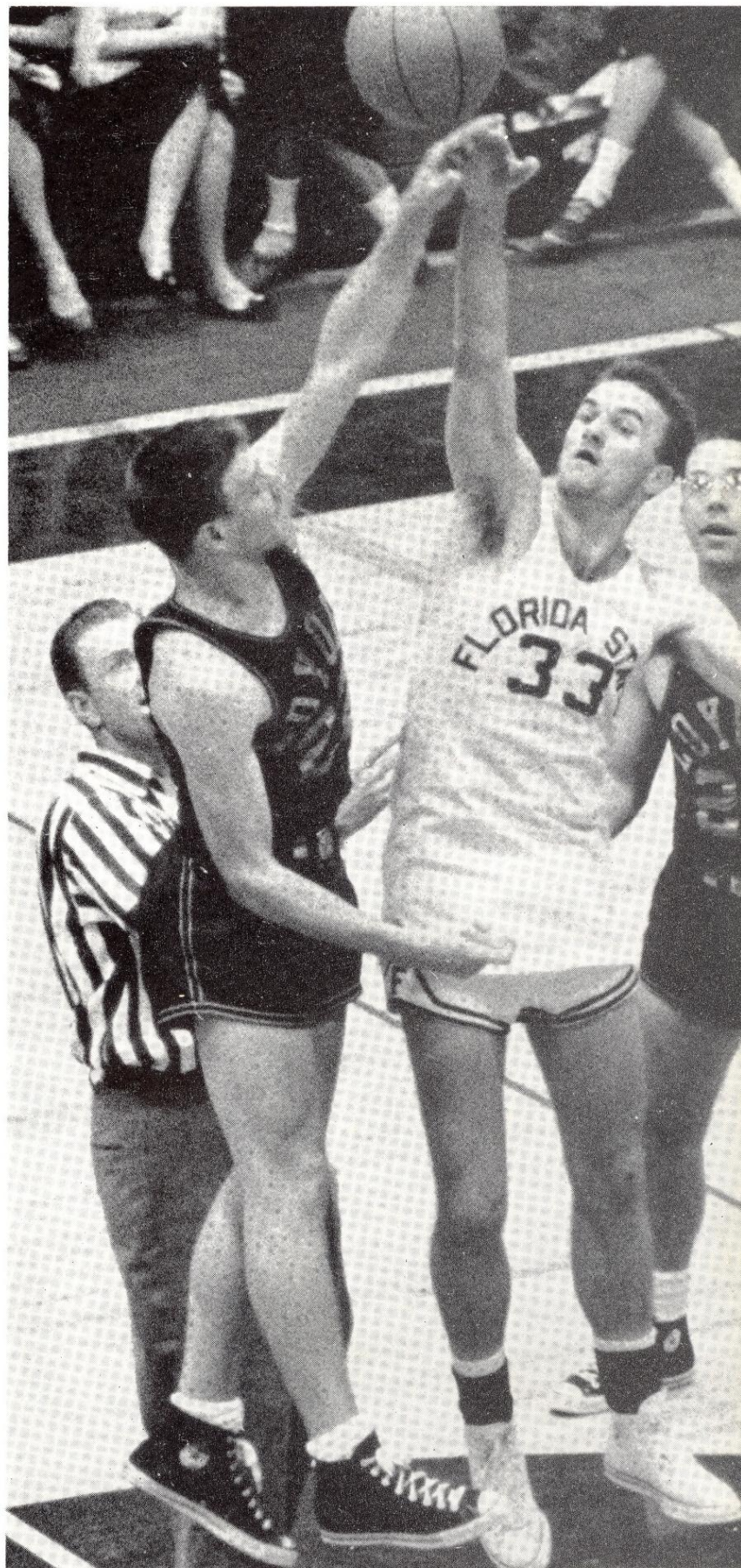
Final statistics show that Hugh Durham became the second high scorer in FSU history to score more than 500 points in a season. His total of 509 tops the previous sophomore standard of 468 set in 1952-53 by Ham Wernke for a 19.5 average per game.

Bobby Waits was second high scorer with a 14.5 average, and led the team in free throw accuracy with a .802 percentage.

Center Larry Strom led the team in percentages of successful field goal attempts with a .514 average. The Jacksonville junior was also third high scorer.

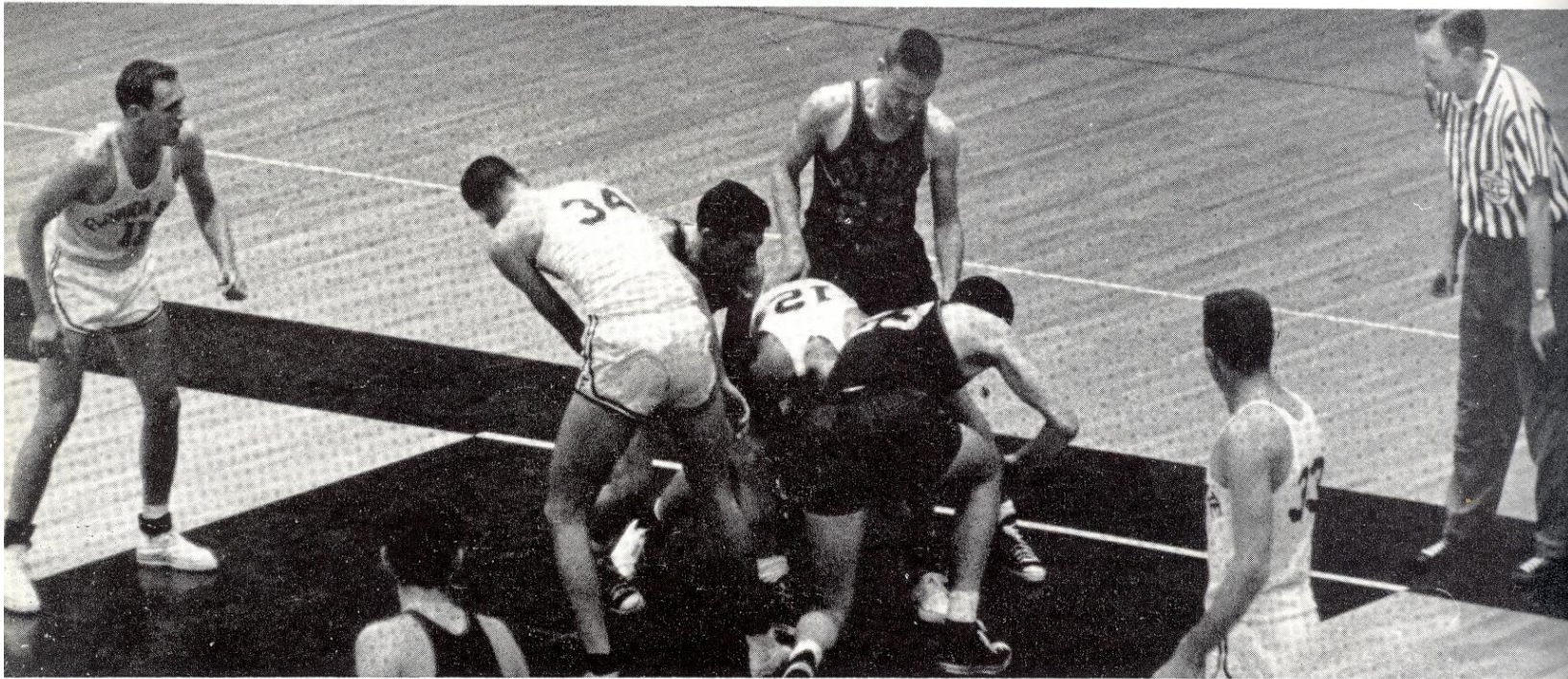
1956-57 SCHEDULE

FSU	Opponents
55 Duquesne	70
64 Steubenville	79
54 West Virginia	89
66 Bradley	90
65 Florida	67
74 Texas A. & M.	83
58 East Tennessee State	65
68 Georgia	72
75 Morehead State	97
108 Furman	96
58 North Carolina State	63
77 Miami	85
70 Stetson	97
104 Stetson	86
86 Georgia	63
84 Tampa	66
97 Rollins	94
63 Florida Southern	78
67 Florida Southern	73
96 Rollins	79
81 Mississippi Southern	72
79 Loyola	77
82 Miami	98
88 Tampa	57
74 Centenary	92
58 Loyola	83



Bobby Ward stretches for the tip as FSU squeezes by Loyola 79-77 in the year's first meeting between the two schools.

despite 9-17 record, we did look potentially good

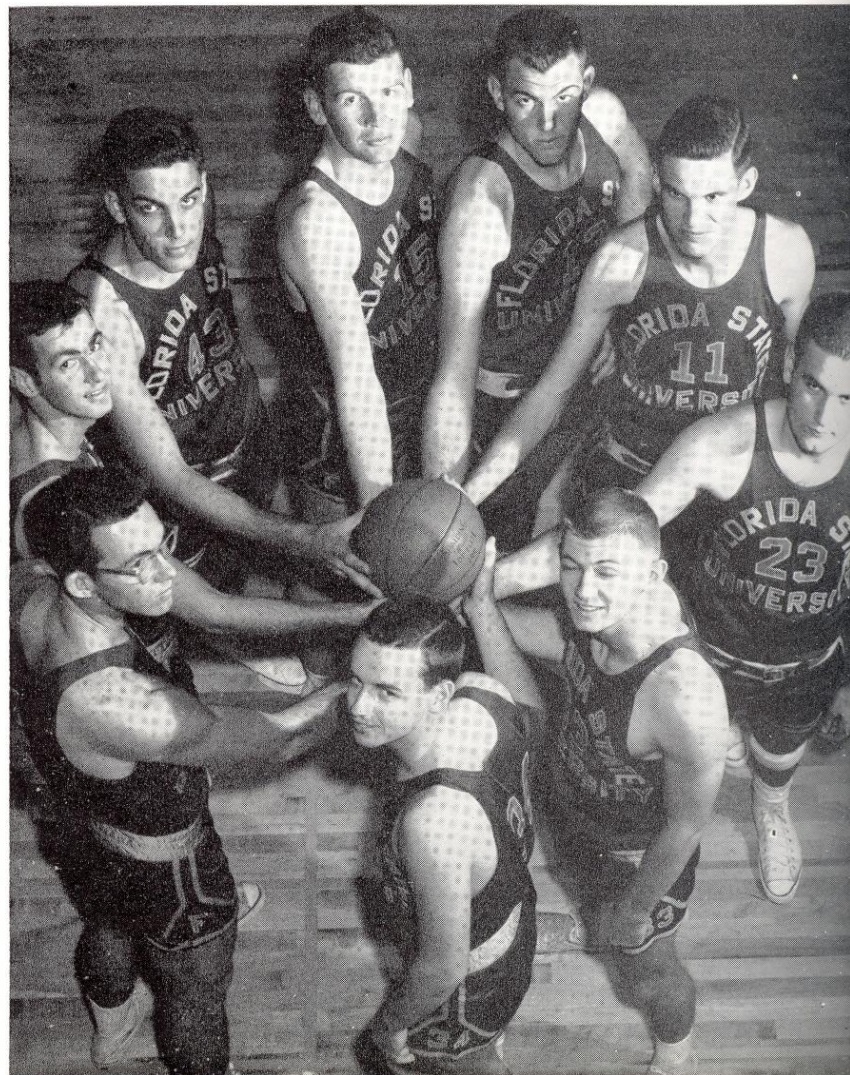
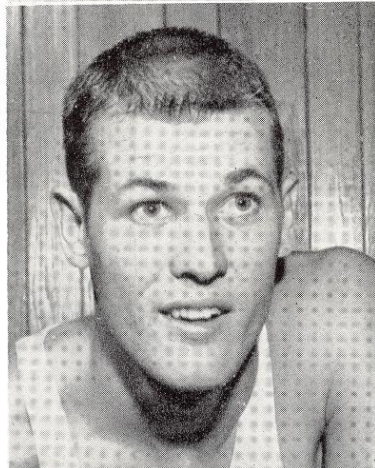
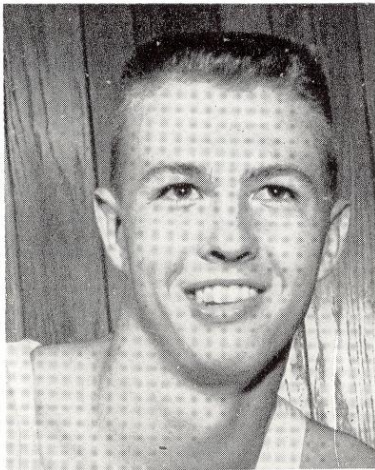


Come on "ref," don't just stand there, blow that whistle.

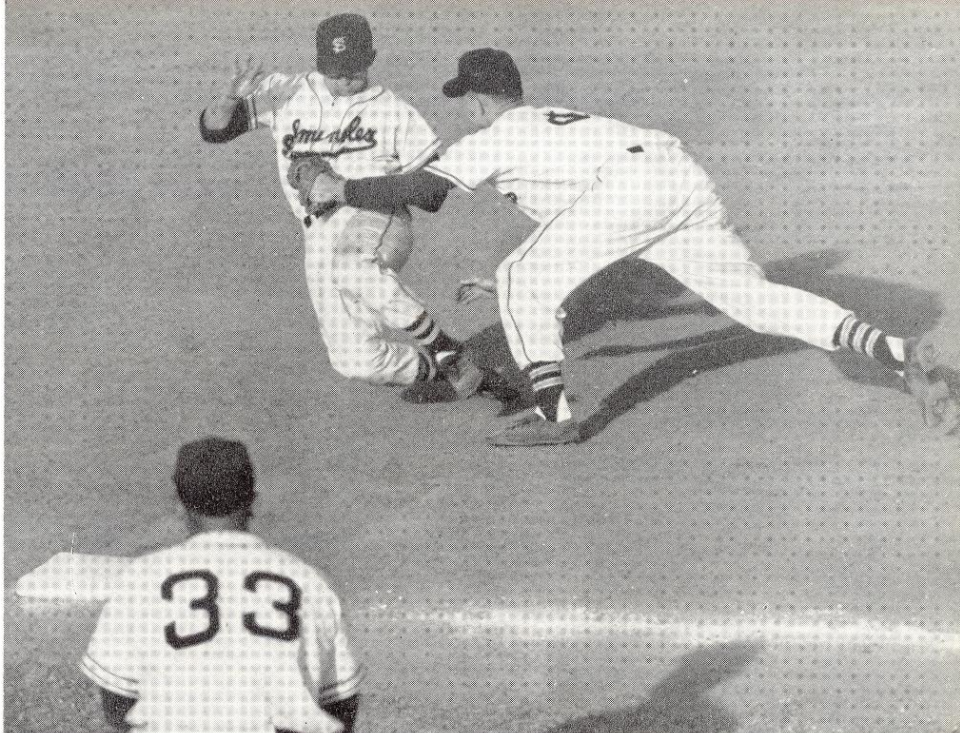
fresh squad fails to produce ... but showed promise

The 1957 Freshman basketball team: Jim Savage, Charlie Rogers, Tom Adams, Mike Williams, Tom Gregory, Jerry Hohne, Jerry Alderman, Buddy Cash, Ernie Langford.

Tom Donovan, guard, Jacksonville.
Merle Bryant, guard, Evansville,
Indiana.



baseball



A Seminole outfielder slides into third—a bit too late.



Head Coach Danny Litwhiler.

With a 19-6 record in tow, the 1957 version of the baseball squad looks forward to the forthcoming NCAA district tournament with real lust in their eyes.

Winners of the Florida Intercollegiate Baseball championship and their own Florida State Invitational Baseball tourney, the Tribe ranks as one of the top contenders in the South. Although a shade shy of the 1956 mark of 24-5, the Tribe baseballers notched three new records in the record book.

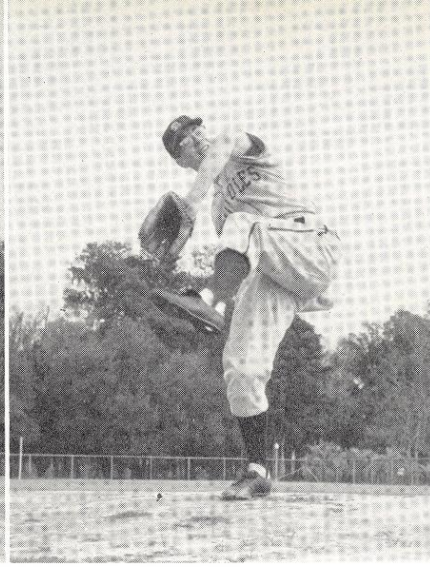
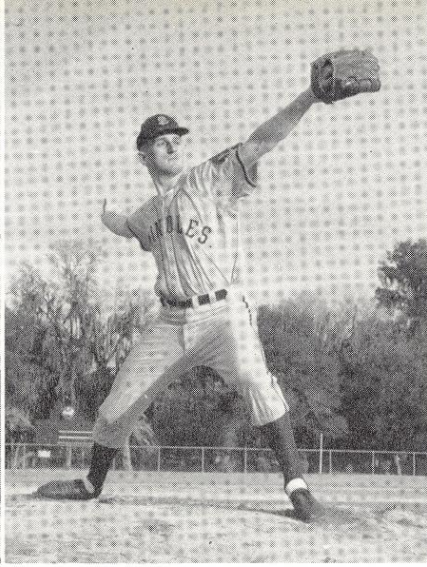
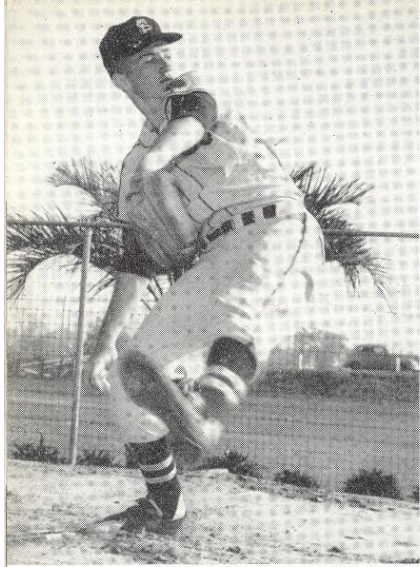
The team logged 16 home runs as against 12 in 1956. They stole 63 bases and scored 164 runs for two other records.

Bantam Dick Howser again led the team batting average. Howser hit a lusty .364, with 29 RBI's. Owen McCarron led the team RBI department with 36 and hit .353.

Moundsmen Jerry Boxer and Jack Bristol sparked the pitching department. Boxer finished with a 6-2 and a 1.85 earned run average, while Bristol won six and lost only one.



Athletic Director Howard Danford presents the championship trophy for the 1956 Florida State Invitational Tourney to Captain Max Long and Coach Litwhiler as the second place Illinois Coach and captain look on.



Pitcher Jerry Boxer

Pitcher Frank Slusser

Infielder Dick Howser

Pitcher Fred Kenny



Infielder Phil Hunt



The entire FSU baseball squad rushes off the bench to greet outfielder Riley Sievers after his homerun.



Outfielder Lee Corso

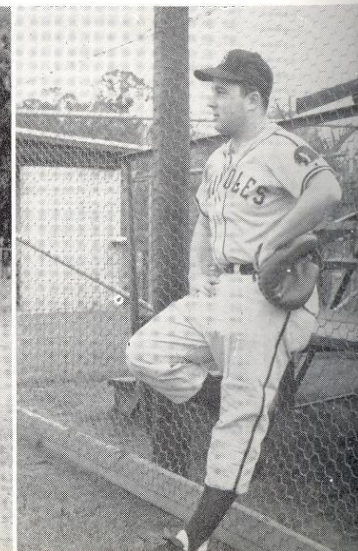
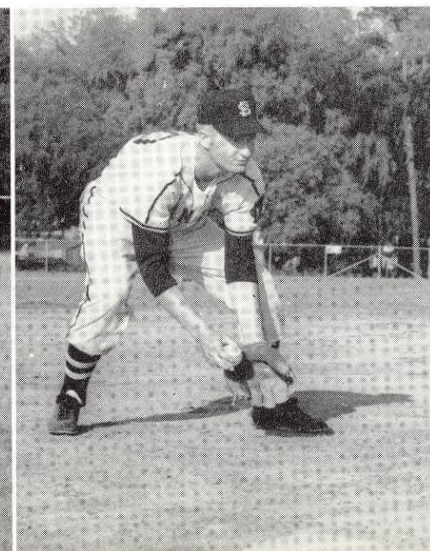
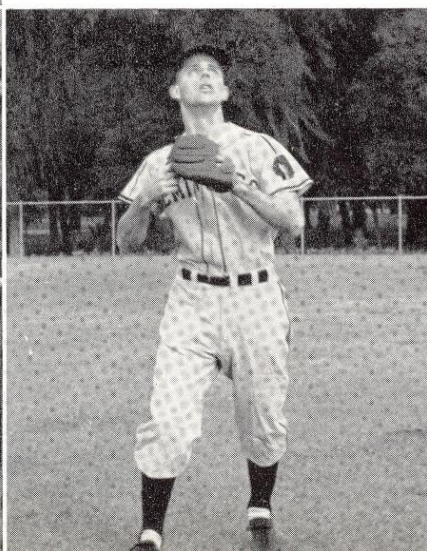
the players

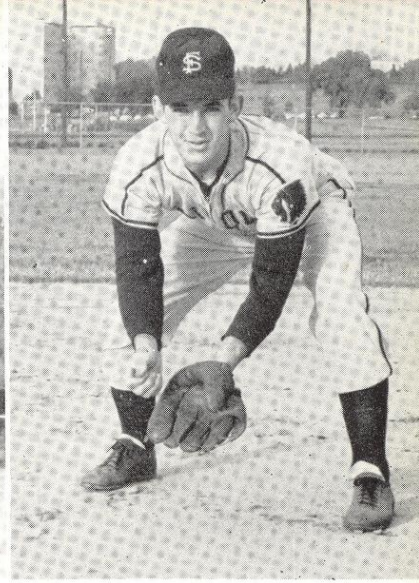
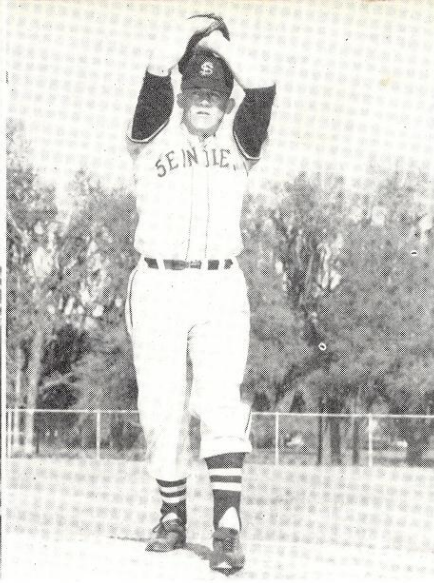
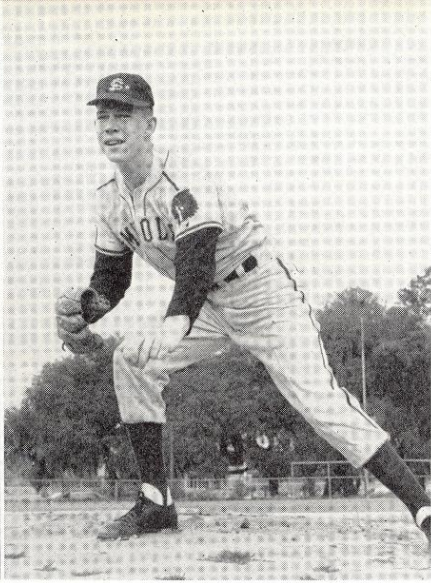
Outfielder Riley Sievers

Outfielder Owen McCarron

Infielder Carlee Hendrix

Catcher Johnny Sheppard





Pitcher Tom Garcia

Pitcher John Ash

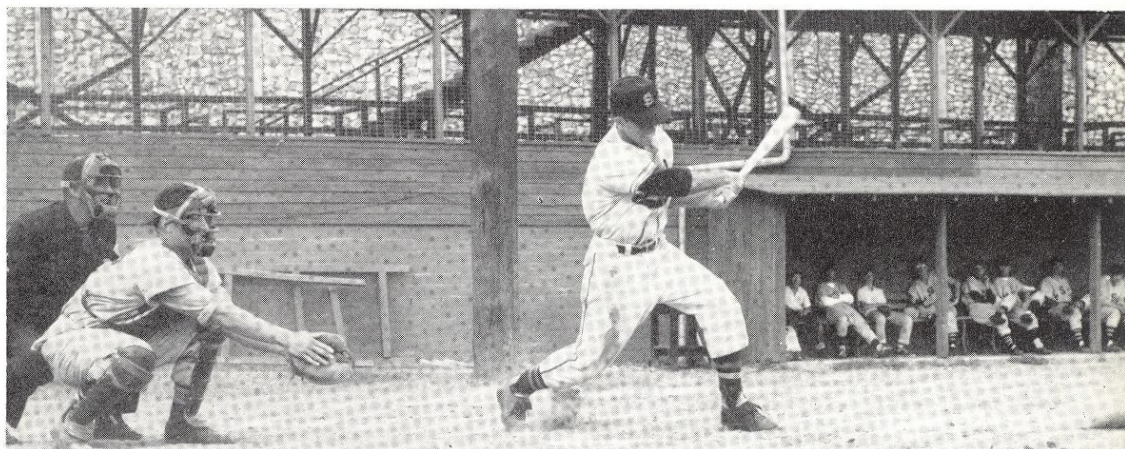
Infielder Dale Koch



Pitcher John Bristol

Outfielder Fred Twomey

Against a backdrop of the nearly deserted bleachers of the Tallahassee baseball stadium, a Seminole batter connects with an LSU pitch.



A Seminole double play combination works out.



g o l f

Opening the 1957 campaign with an unbeaten string of 17 straight dual victories and a fifth place finish in last year's NCAA tourney, coach Don Veller's golf squad were ranked as one of the nation's best.

Justifying their followers acclaims the Seminole linksman in early matches have compiled a record of 4-1 in dual tests and breezed home victorious in the Florida State Intercollegiate Tourney.

Lettermen include new state champ Bunk Berry, national left-handed champ Harry Shoemaker, national quarterfinalist Bob Shave, Ed Jenkins, Billy Shelton, Jack Veghte, Bob Shuman, and Dave Morris.



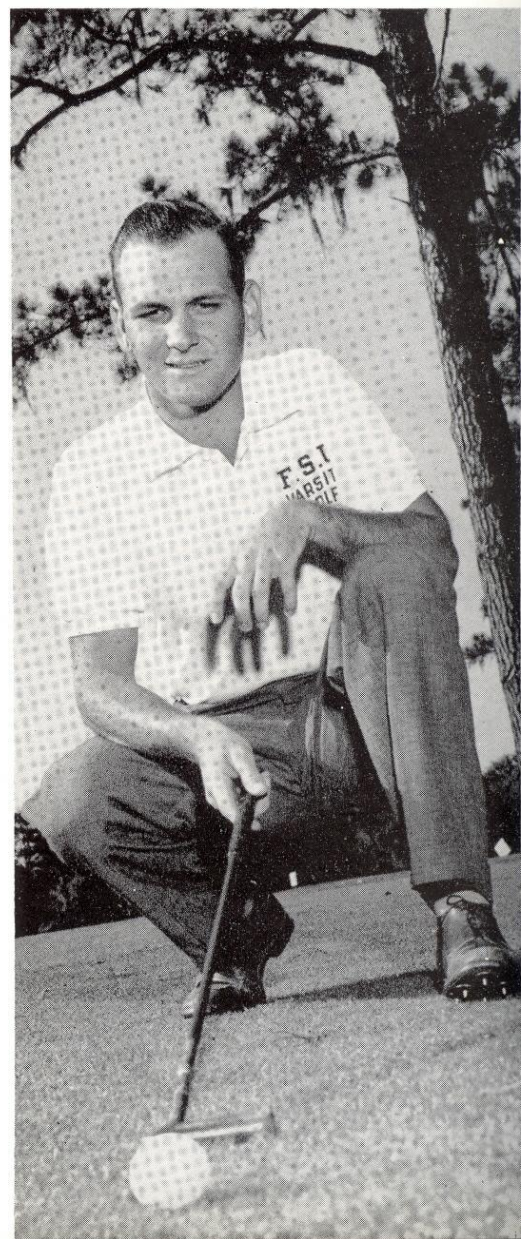
National Amateur quarterfinalist Bob Shave blasts out of a trap on the eighteenth hole.

g o l f team strongest in south



Bob Shuman of Atlanta displays perfect follow-through on a two-wood shot off the fifth fairway.

Captain Ed Jenkins lines up a shot on the last green.



Matching scores after practice round are Bob Shave, Bill Thornton, Jack Veghte, and Ed Jenkins.



The FSU golf team; first row: Rem Noble, Jack Veghte, Ed Jenkins, Bob Shuman, Bill Shelton. Second row: Coach Don Veller, Harry Shoemaker, Bob Shave, Dave Morris, John Berry, Dick Parker, and Tuffy Parsons.



Coach Veller gives some final advice to number 1 man Ed Jenkins before the Florida match.

State Intercollegiate Champion Bunk Berry and freshman Al Yancey work on their putting style.



stult's tankers post 10-3



Head Swimming Coach N. B. "Bim" Stults

The 1957 mermen topped three existing records. A 200 yard medley relay team of Ryan Ray, Joel Jacobs, Don Lewis, and Ken Abbott set the record in that event and went on to the NCAA championship representing FSU. A new 400 yard freestyle record of 3:33.7 was set by Ken Abbott, Don Lewis, Ryan Ray, and Jim Julian. Jim Julian bettered a six year old mark in setting a new record in the 100 yard freestyle with 52.9.

Not only did the 1957 mermen win the Florida AAU, they also took the Georgia AAU as well. The Tribesmen topped Florida 86-78 in the Florida tourney. During the regular season, the FSU swimmers split with the Gators, winning 46-40, and losing, 51-35.

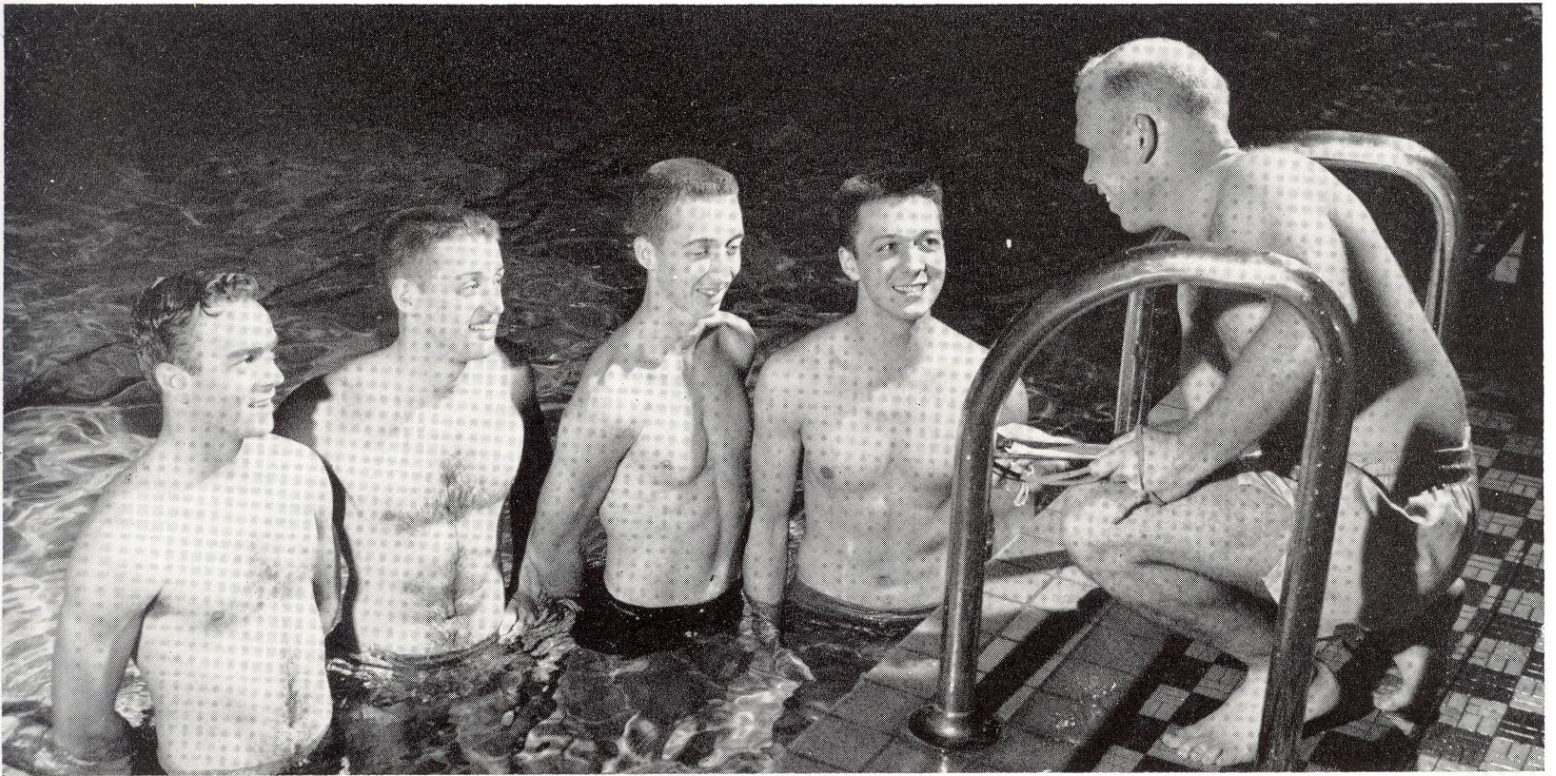
Joel Jacobs, junior breaststroker, Fort Lauderdale



Seniors Mike Tschirret and Jim Julian confer before the last meet in their four-year careers.

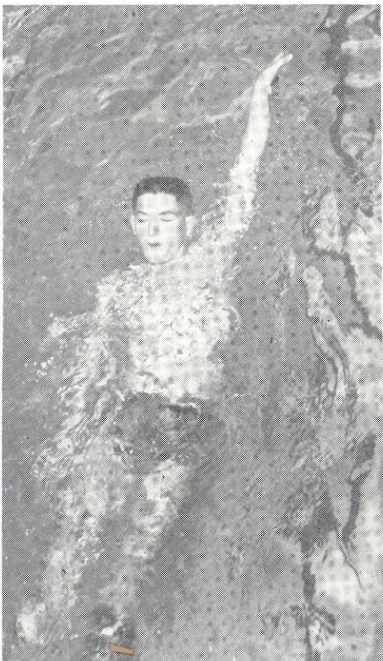
Ken Abbott, junior breaststroker, Birmingham, Ala.





Al King gives last minute instructions to record holding medley relay team of Julian, Tschirret, Jacobs, and Abbott.

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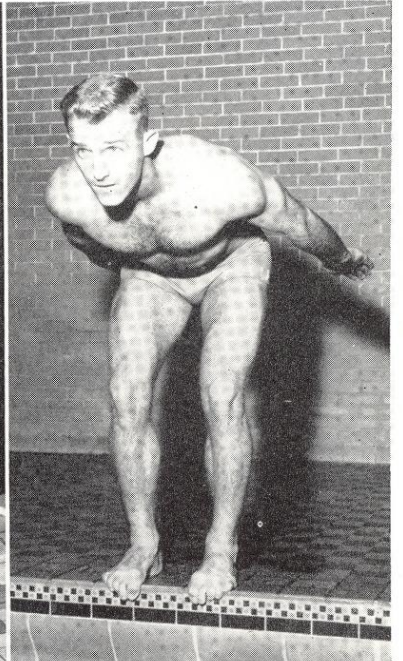
Jim Wentworth, sophomore backstroker,
Jacksonville



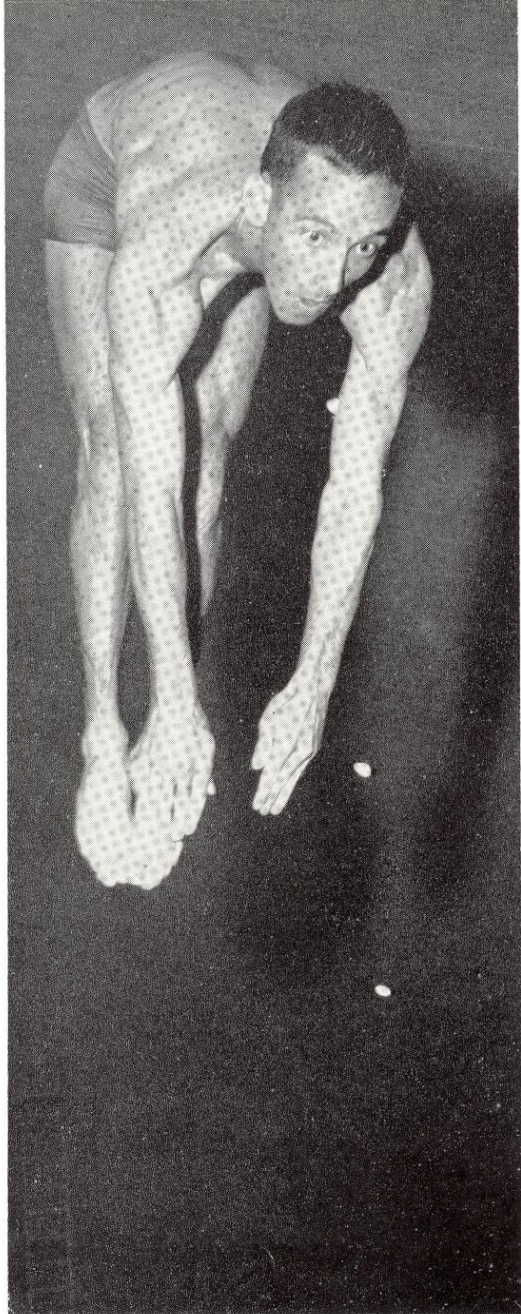
Jim Julian, senior freestyler,
Jacksonville



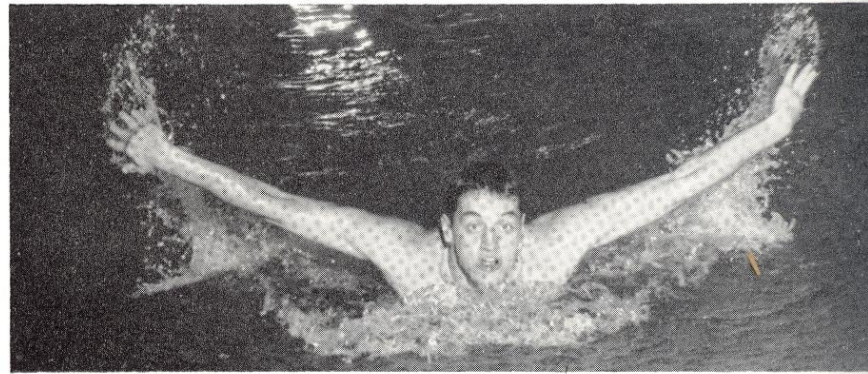
Graham Teschke, junior free styler,
Euclid, Ohio



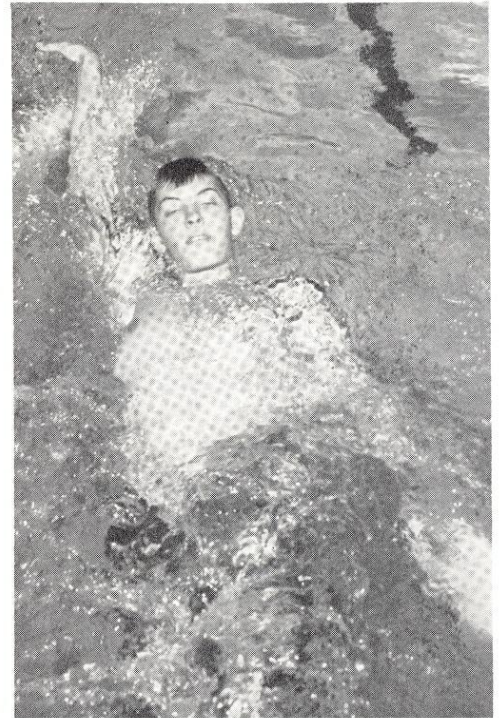
Don Lewis, junior freestyler, Daytona
Beach



Oops, the pool's empty!
Byron Rhodes, senior diver, Albany, Ga.



Mike Tschirret, senior butterfly, Toledo, Ohio

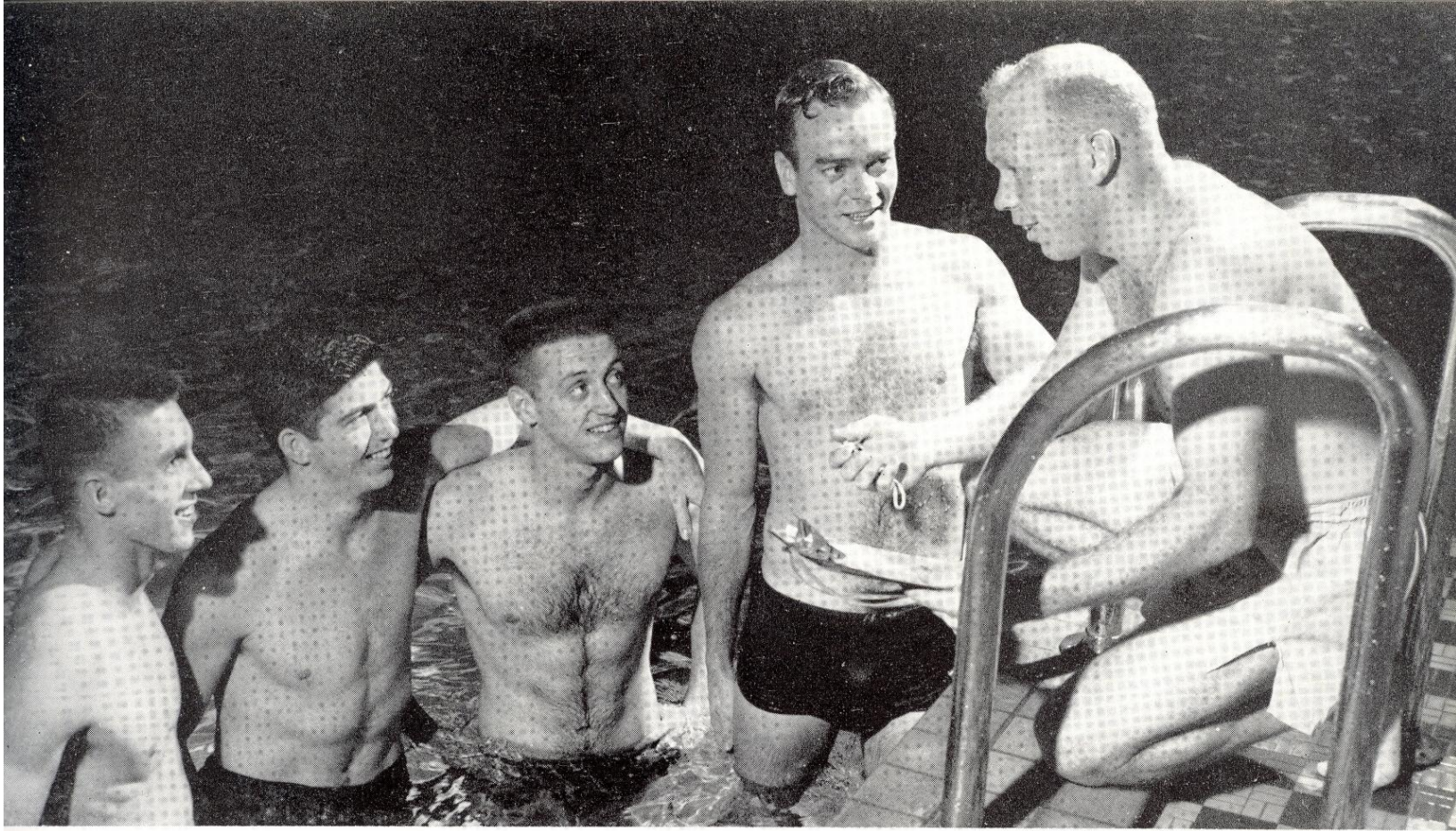


Glenn Thatcher, sophomore freestyler,
Canton, Ohio

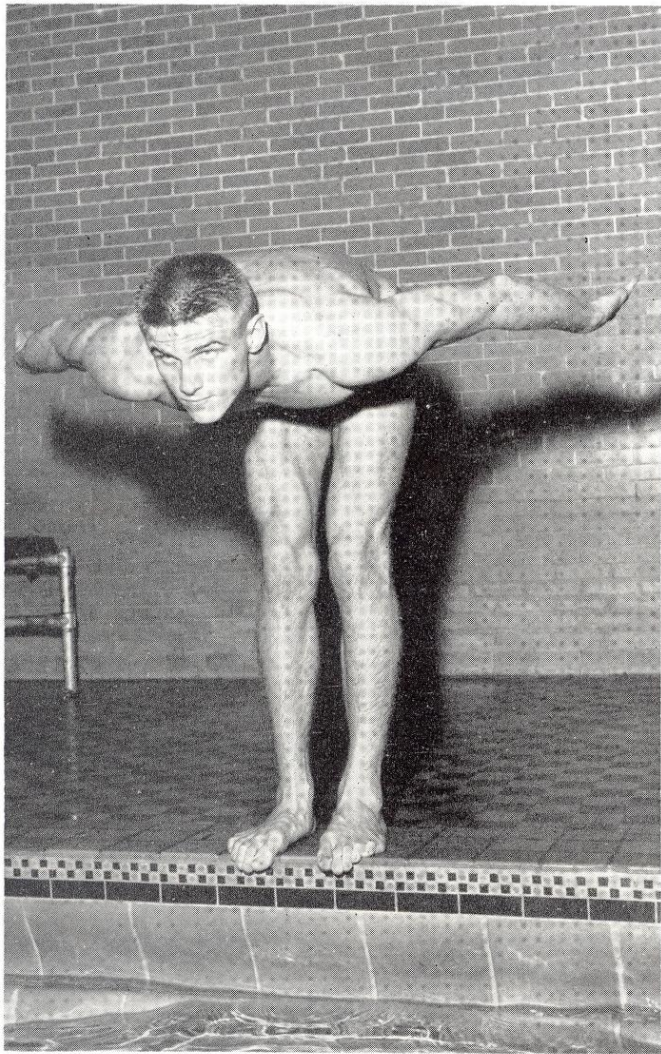
Rube Waddell, sophomore freestyler,
St. Louis, Mo.

Jim Justice, junior diver, Marianna





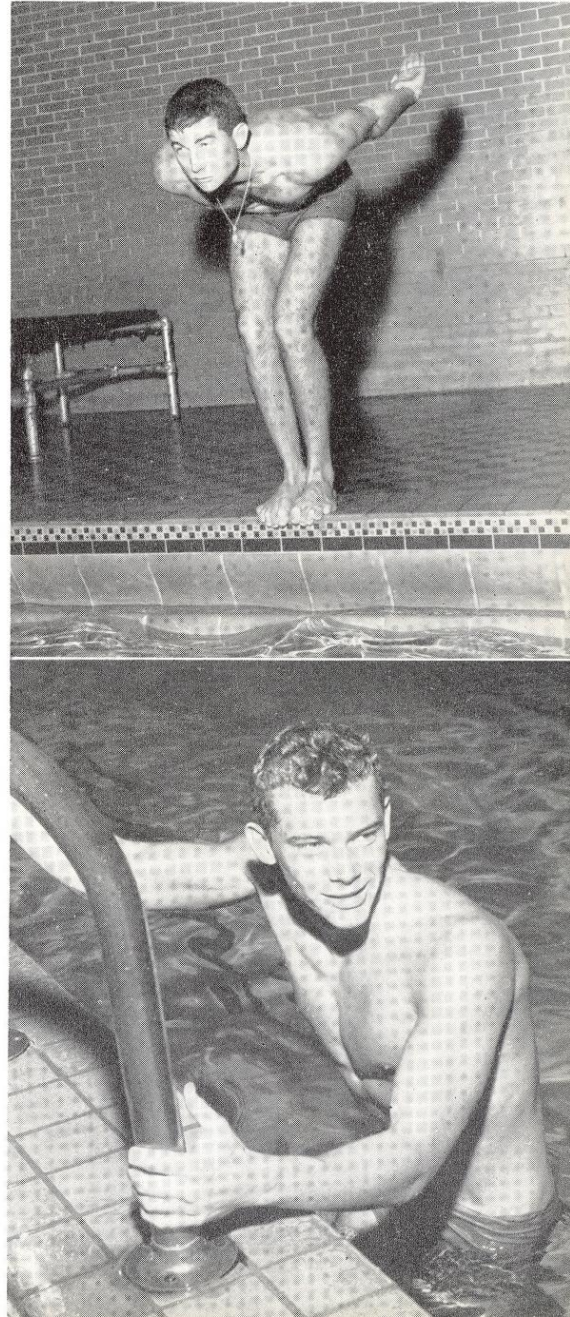
FSU's record holding 400 yard freestyle relay team check times with assistant coach Al Kin. The team is, left to right: Ryan Ray, Paul Hammond Mike Tschirret, and Jim Julian.



Howard Fillmore, sophomore breaststroker, Dearborn, Michigan.

Len Koeth, sophomore breaststroker, Euclid, Ohio

Paul Kilbane, senior Freestyler, New York, N. Y.



seminole's rafael lecuona goes to olympics

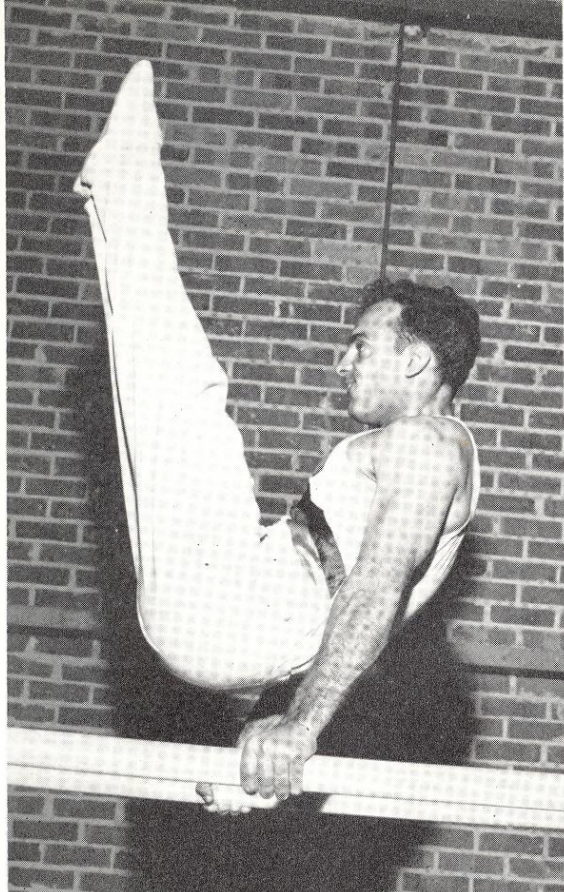
One of the top athletes at Florida State University and a participant in the 1956 Olympic's gymnastics competition, is a bantam (5' 5" and 128 pounds) citizen of Cuba. Rafael Lecuona of Havana, rates as one of the outstanding gymnasts of the world. Three-time captain of the Cuban Olympic squad, and recently voted his country's outstanding gymnast, Lecuona graduates after four years as captain of the Florida State University gymnastics team.

As most average college gym teams go, one star should be enough. But not for gymnastics coach Hartley Price; Dr. Price keeps a stable full of gymnastics talent. Certainly it is not difficult to see why a Price-coached team have managed to remain in the top five teams in the nation.

A glance over the stars Dr. Price has developed reads like a record book. To get some perspective of the 1956-57 squad, we must know some former stars who have gained fame for FSU.

The original Florida State University gymnastics star was Bill Roetzheim, who won five individual national titles in 1951 and eight titles over a period of three years at FSU.

One of the members of the present team, Jack Miles, won the NAAU flying rings title in 1951 and tied for the national all-around in 1956.



Fernando Lecuona, freshman, Havana, Cuba

Joe Taylor, senior, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Hartley Price, gymnastics coach





The 1956-57 Gymnastics team

gymnasts boast galaxy of stars

Chick Cicio, sophomore, Brooklyn, New York

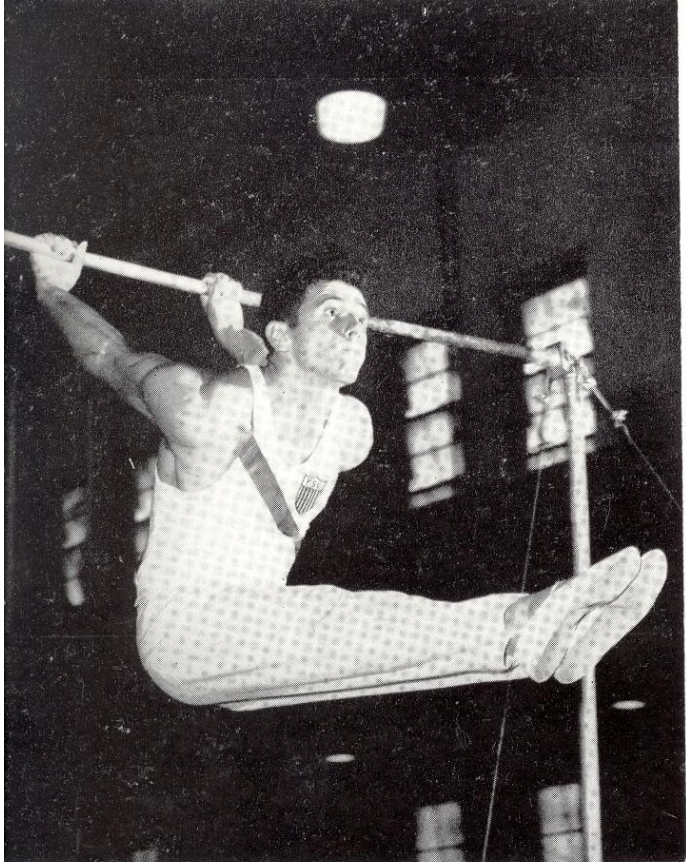
According to some, Don Holder, a member of this year's varsity, is one of the greatest gymnasts in U.S. history. Holder placed on the U.S. Olympic squad as a freshman in 1952. He made the Pan American team in 1956 and stands as one of the Seminoles greatest point makers ever.

Three seniors who Dr. Price rates very high are Jamile Ashmore, Joe Taylor and Ronnie Amster. The bouncing Texan, Ashmore, won the NCAA Calisthenics Championship in 1956. Tumbling is his specialty, and he likes to teach tumbling to children.

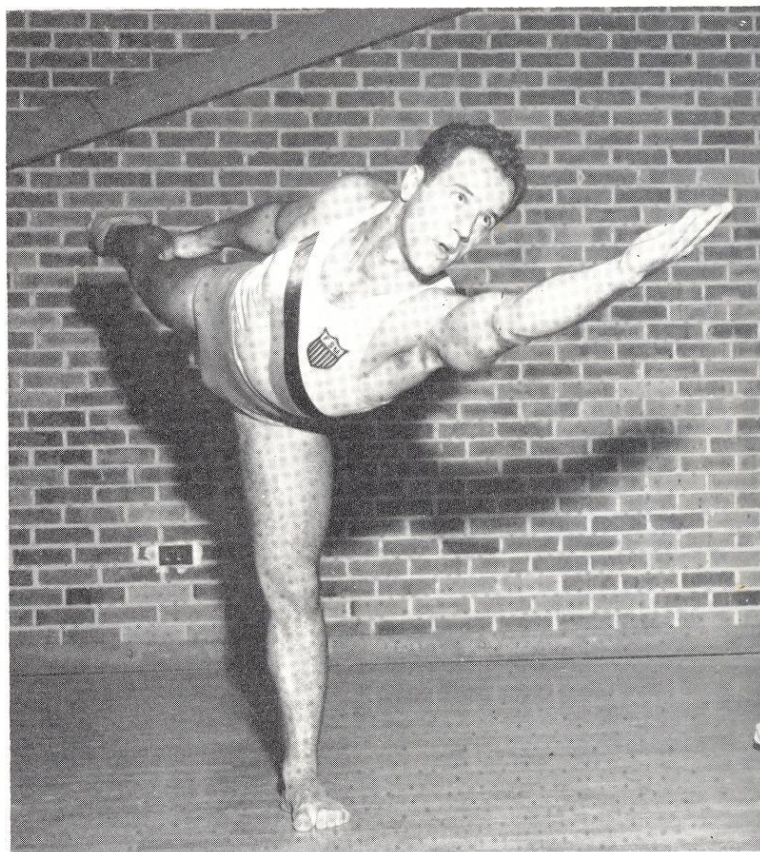
Joe Taylor is hard to imagine as a gymnastics champion. Tiny, only 5'9" and 140 pounds, Taylor won the Florida and Georgia flying rings title in 1953.

The third standout is Ronnie Amster, another bantam (5'7" and 140 pounds) from Chicago, Illinois, who won the NCAA high bar competition in 1956.





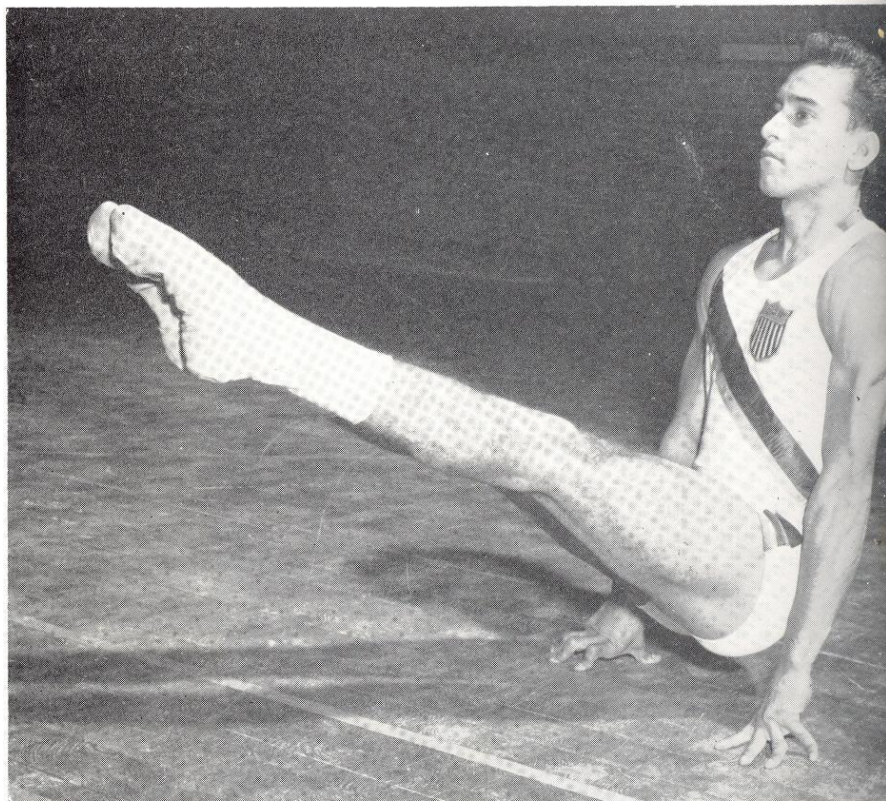
Ronnie Amster, senior, Chicago, Illinois



Larry Malmelin, freshman, Sweden

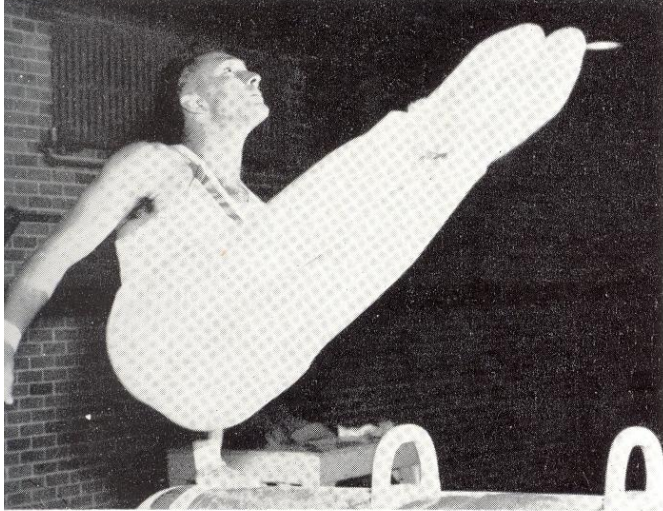
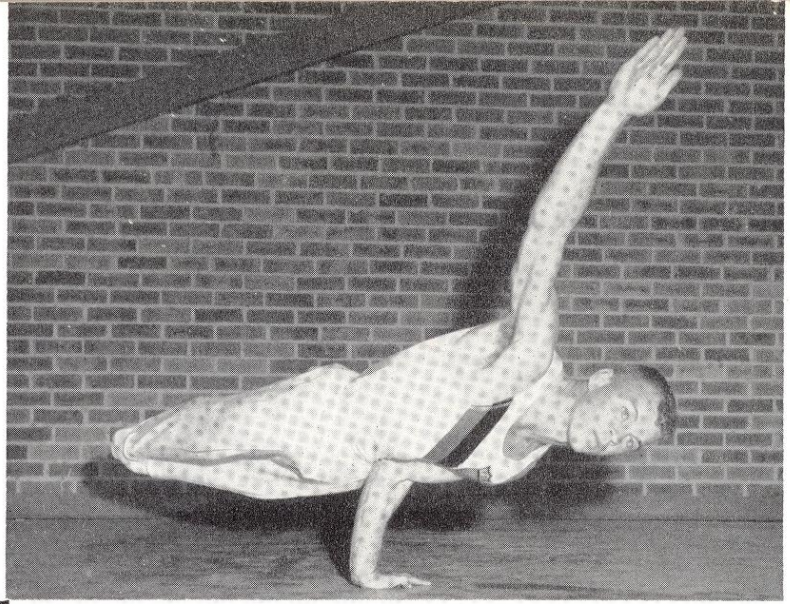


Bob Murray, junior, Boston, Massachusetts



Jamile Ashmore, senior, Dallas, Texas

Larry Bestman, senior, Chicago, Illinois



Roger Webb, sophomore, Hamilton, Ohio

Laird Anderson, junior, Atlanta, Georgia



experience plus, brags '57 track team



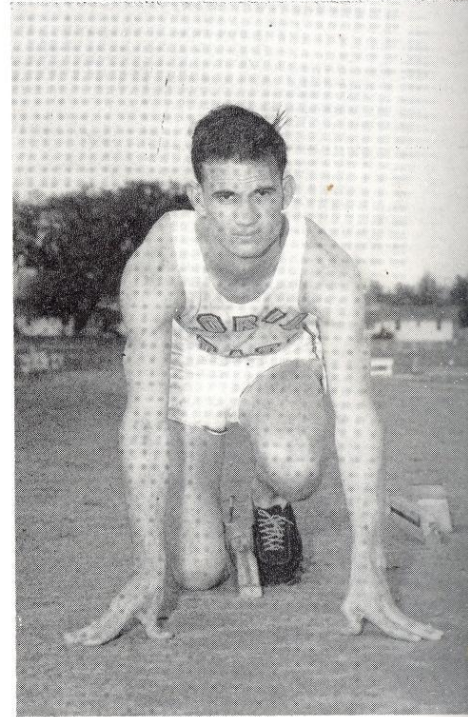
Javelin hurler Jimmy Harrell tenses before releasing the throw which may top 190 yards.

The year 1957 may well be remembered as the "great track year" for track mentor Mike Long. With his three high point men of 1956 returning, Long is looking forward to his best year at FSU.

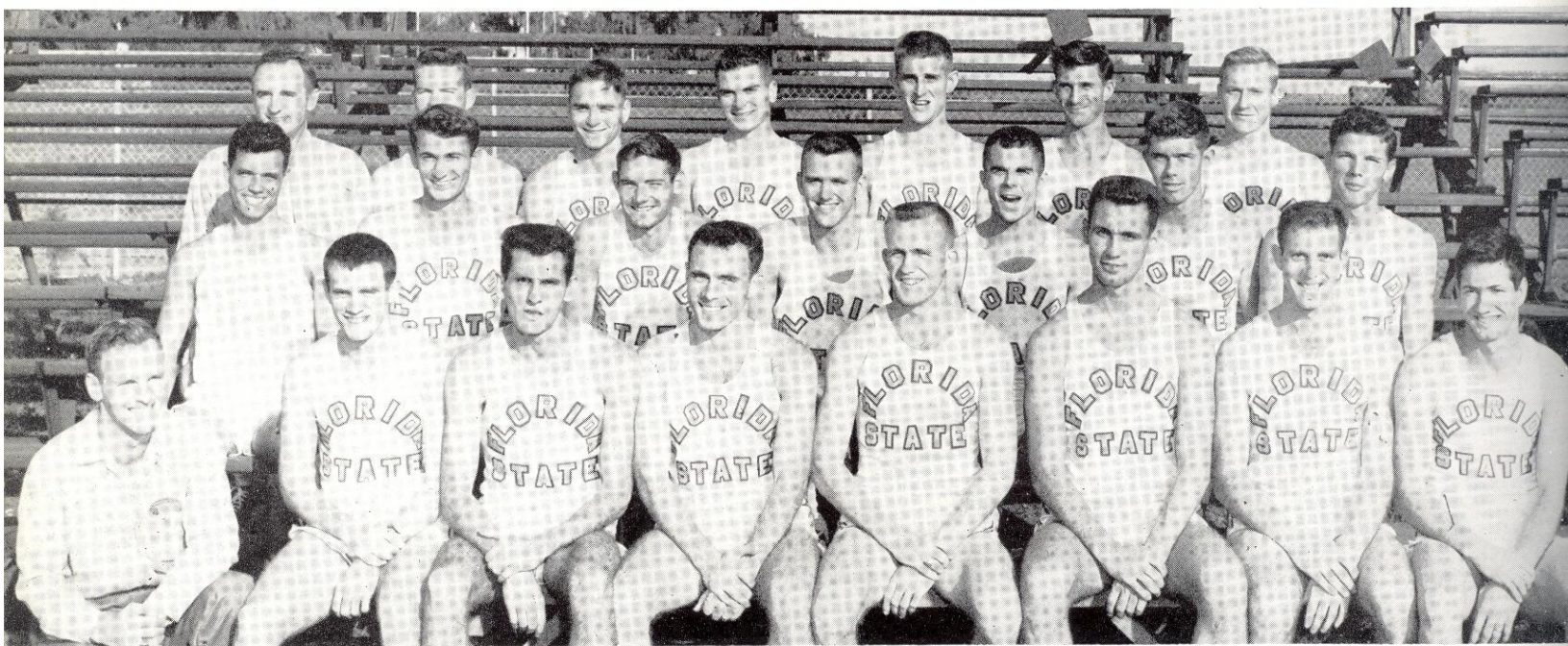
Jack Terwilliger, high point man last year, Joe Davis, who specializes in the low hurdles and the broad jump, and Miler Mike Conley, who holds the school record for the mile, head the track congregation this year.

The Seminoles took the non-conference division of the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Games on February 23 in their second effort this year. They followed that victory with a 102-36 defeat of Mississippi Southern here on March 16.

Possible record breakers on this year's squad are Lloyd Lassen, who set the school mark in the high jump at 6'2", Don Ayres, Warren Strickland, and Richard Elwood in the pole vault, and Wes Minton, who holds the school record in the high and low hurdles.



A talented as well as versatile star, Seminoles captain Joe Davis performs in the sprints, broad jump, and low hurdles.

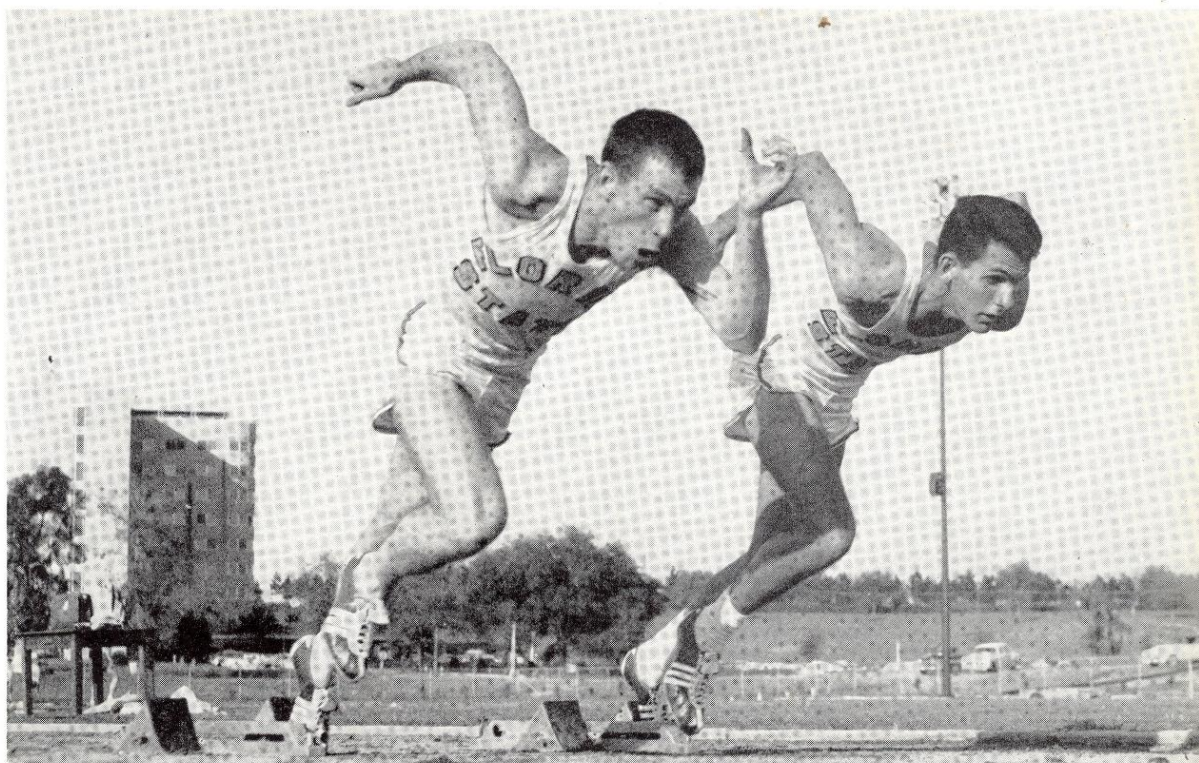


The 1957 track team, first row: team manager, Jack Terwilliger, Mike Conley, Pete Frascchetti, Don Ayres, Lloyd Lassen, Tenny Brown, Charley Watson. Second row: Phil Royce, Chuck Hackney, Buddy Elliott, Jimmy Harrell, Mike Hillegas, Doyle Ruff. Third row: Coach Mike Long, Maurice Kennedy, Tommy Chivers, Bobby Bryson. Harvey Hall, Richard Elwood, Billy Odom.



Relay man Ken Segner sprints for his teammate in the second lap of mile relay.

Crouched like a charging bear, sprinter Doyle Ruff kicks away from the starting block.



A synchronization of perfect timing and co-ordination is displayed by Jack Terwilliger and Mike Conley as they start off the blocks.

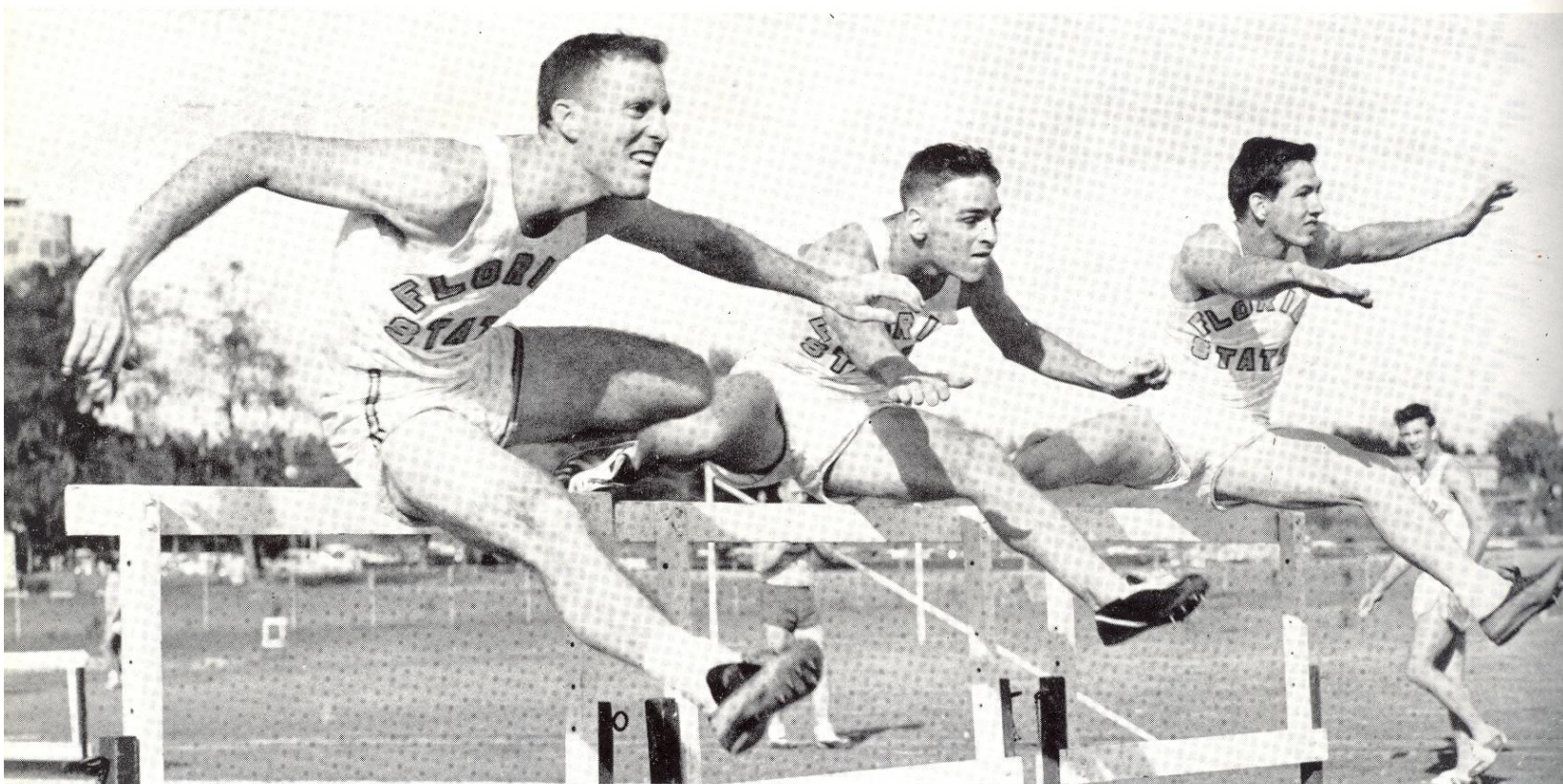
fsu wins acc non-conference title

If humans could fly Seminole Bobby Bryson would be first in line as he is in his specialty, the broad jump.



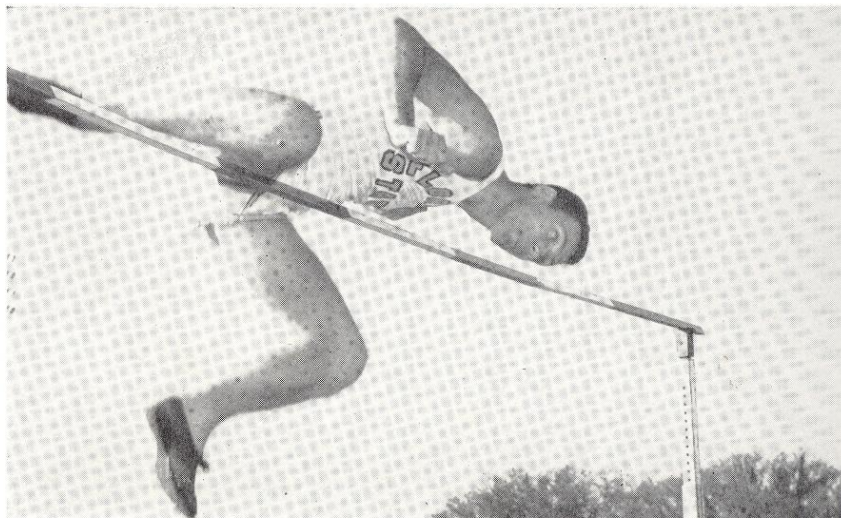
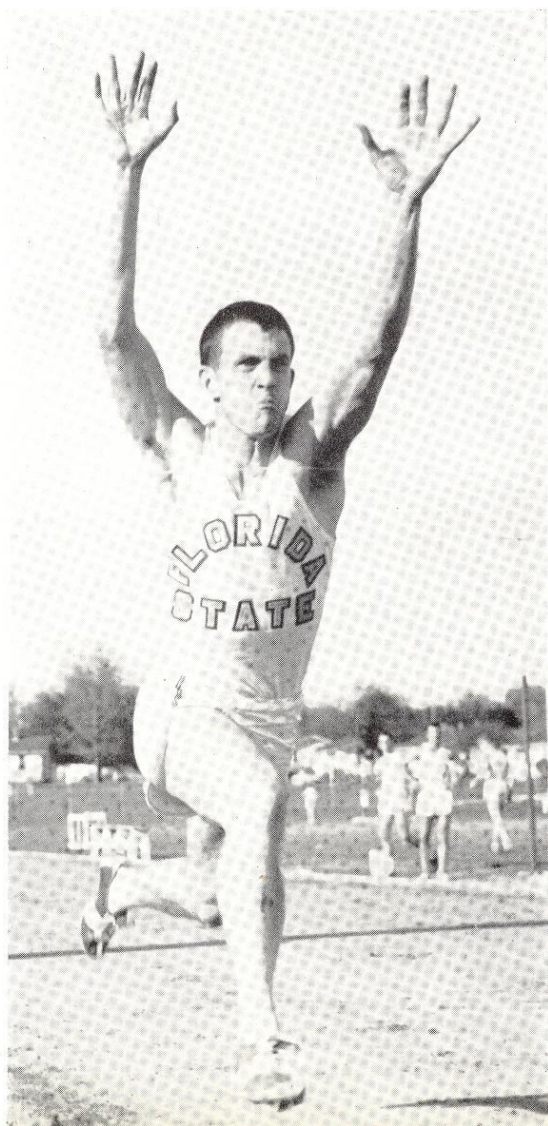
Rod Fields follows through in winning discuss toss.



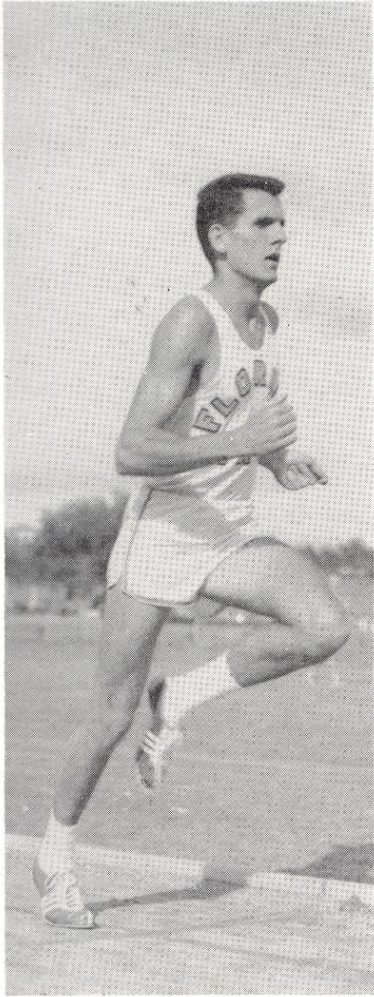


This is no contest, the only ones in the race are Tenney Brown, Tom Chivers and Charley Watson . . . all of FSU.

Seminole star and high point-man Jack Terwilliger displays customary form as he breaks the tape first.



Looks like there must be a piece of dirt on the bar as Lloyd Lassen examines it on another record breaking jump.



Distance man Mike Conley exhibits stride that has led him to set two school records.

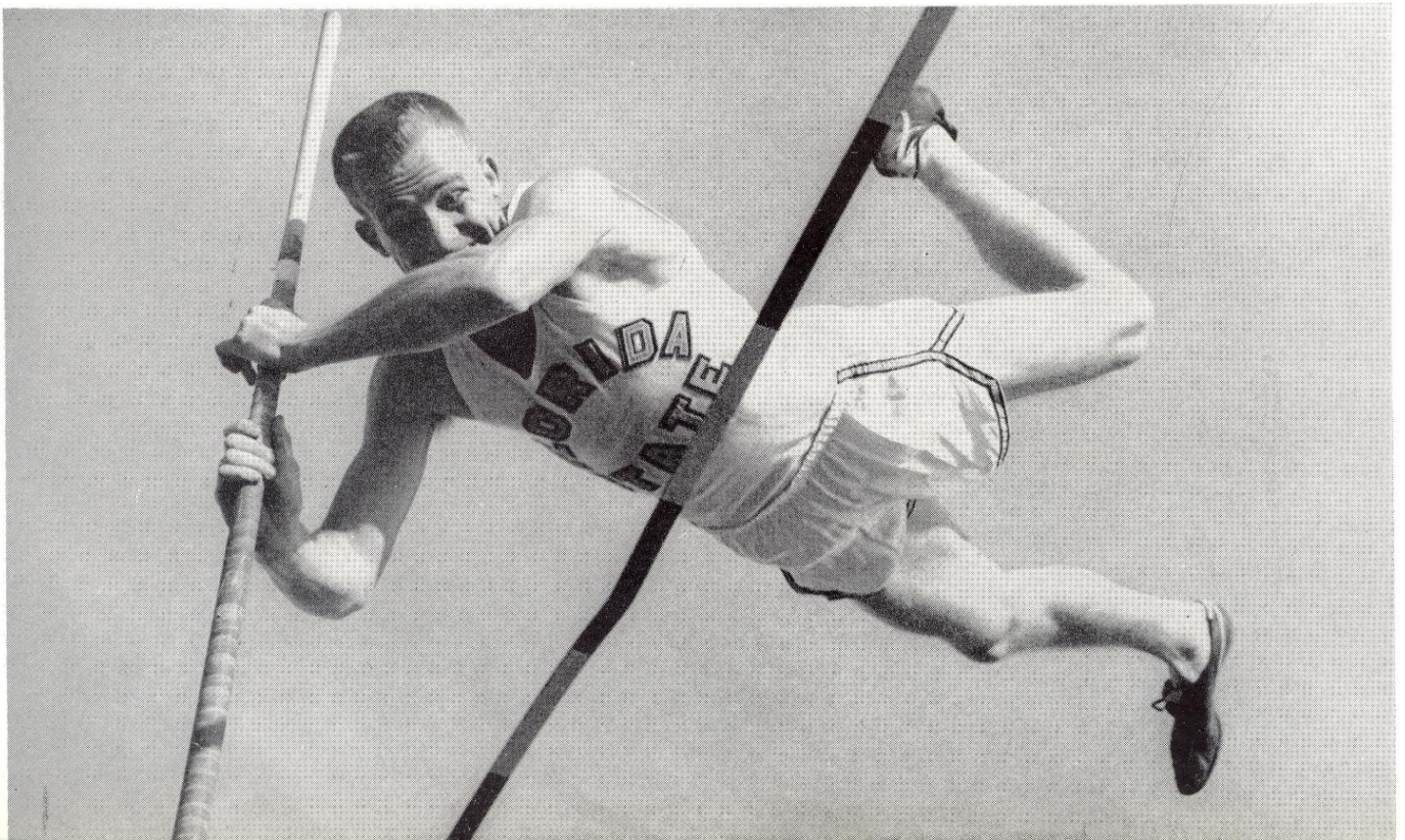


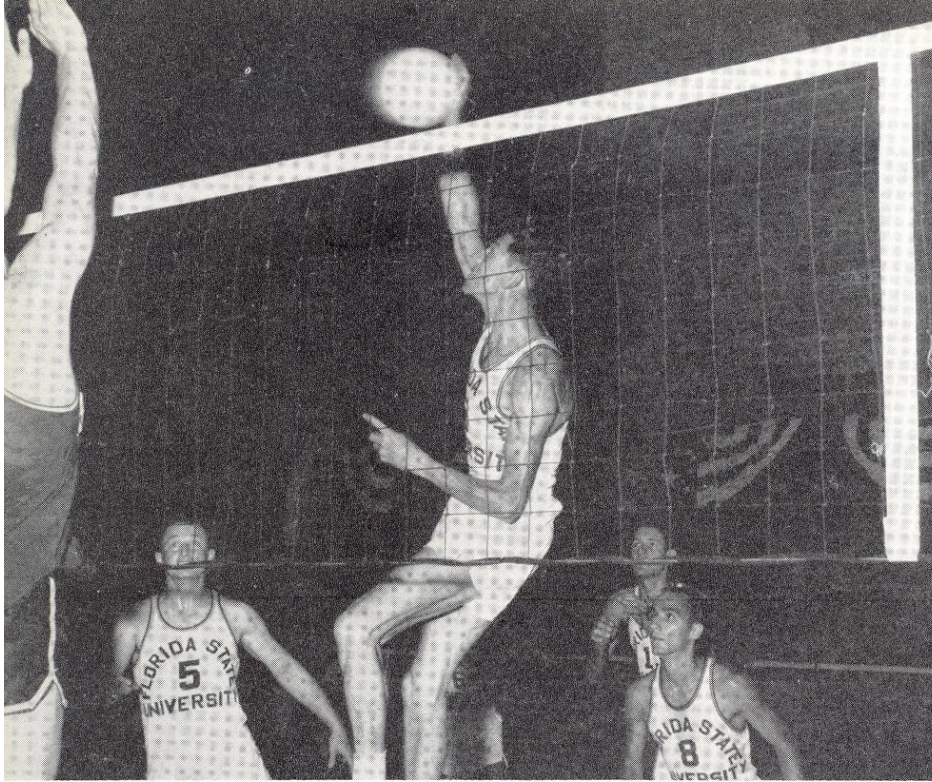
Freshman track team, first row: Ben George, Dave St. John, Ted Keen, Galen Kilburn, Gary Buttner. Second row: Charlie Nye, Tom Keeney, Henry Worthman, Claude Grizzard, Tom Gregory.



"Daddy, show me how," says miler Pete Frascchetti's son.

Every muscle fiber in Don Ayres' body strains to push him over the bar.





An FSU volleyball player leaps high to spike the serve against Stanford University in the NCAA volleyball contest in Seattle in 1956.



Three Seminoles try to block a spike from a Stanford player in the same tourney.

volleyball

One of the most significant facts to be found about the FSU volleyball squad is the multiplicity of past and present All-American players. No other athletic teams at FSU can claim as many All-Americans as the volleyball squad.

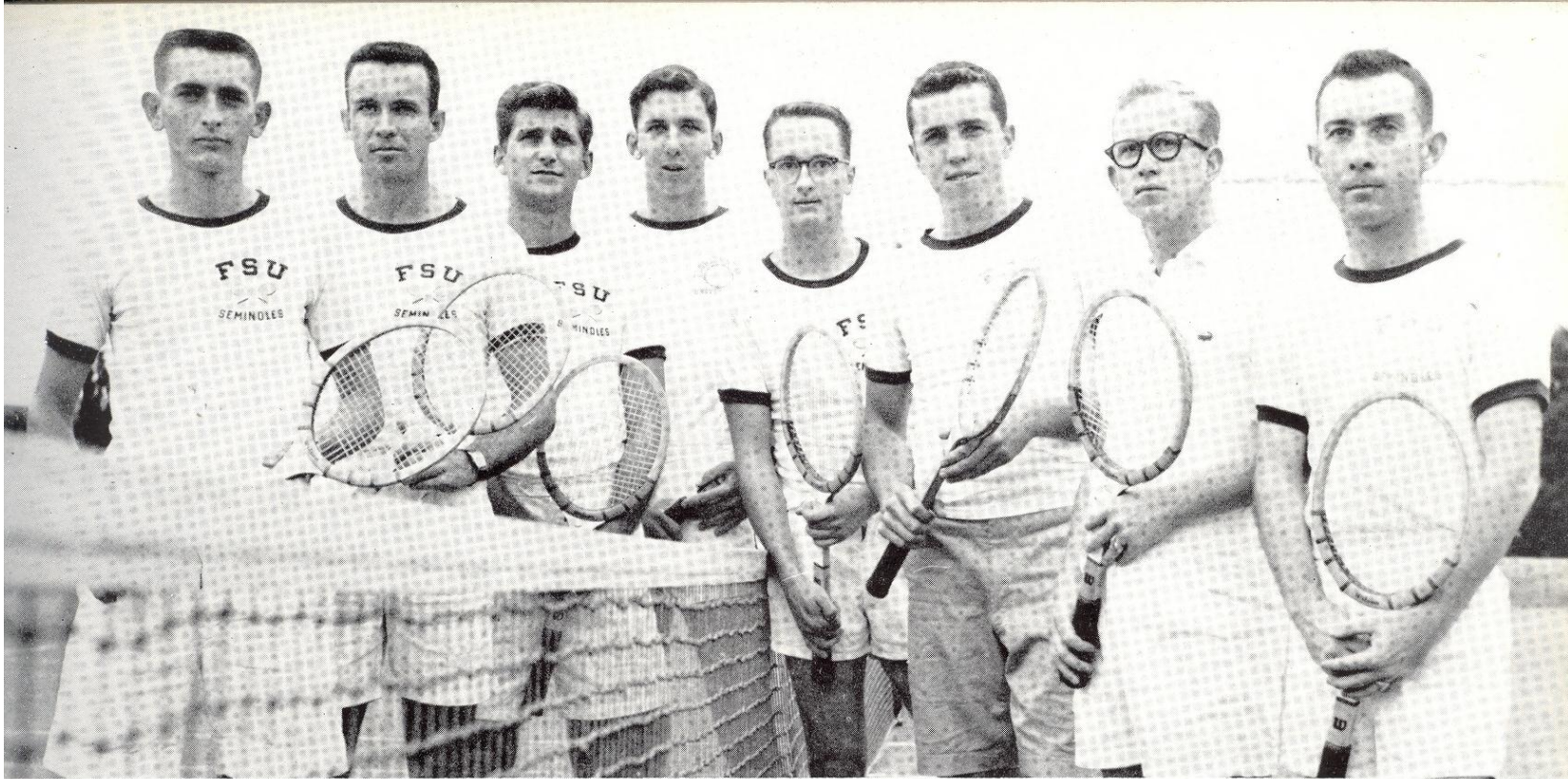
All-Americans on the present FSU squad include two-time All-American Bernie McCann and Fehmi Zeko who was named to the first team All-American team in 1956.

Perhaps most of the credit can be attributed to Coach Bill Odeneal, who himself was quite a volleyball player in his college days.

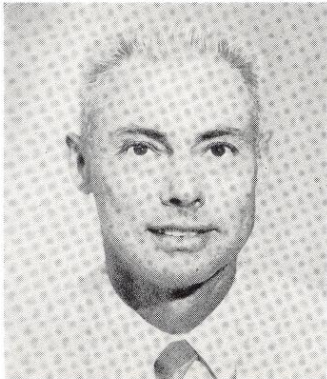
In charting the brief history of the FSU volleyball fortunes, one can readily note the steady rise of the volleyball squad from a name on a score card in 1949 to the National Intercollegiate Champions in 1955 and a prominent contender ever since.

The 1957 Volleyball Team: kneeling: John Miller, Marvin McLean, Duane Eby, Fehmi Zeko. Second row: Coach Bill Odeneal, Bernie McCann, Gene Lewis, Edgar Barnett, Jim McFadder, Matt Sullivan.





A portion of the 1957 tennis team. Jack Crew, Bill Counts, Dave Tiedt, Oliver Cannon, Jack Curtiss, Pat Iley, Bill McKinney, and Tom Woods.



Tennis Coach Keith Pitchford.

tennis

A lack of experienced men is the biggest shortcoming of the 1957 edition of the tennis team, Coach Keith Pitchford complains. The two top men of last year's team graduated and only five lettermen returned. But, of the five who returned, four were freshmen in 1956. Only Sonny Sellers has had more than one year's experience on the team.

The five lettermen, besides Sellers, were Fred Sherrett, Lex Hester, Frank Bryan, and Jim Maddox.

Letterman Jim Maddock sets himself for a powerful serve.



Number 1 man, Fred Serrett volleys with his opponent before the start of their match.



Sonny Sellers slams a backhand at teammate Jack Curtiss in a practice match.

