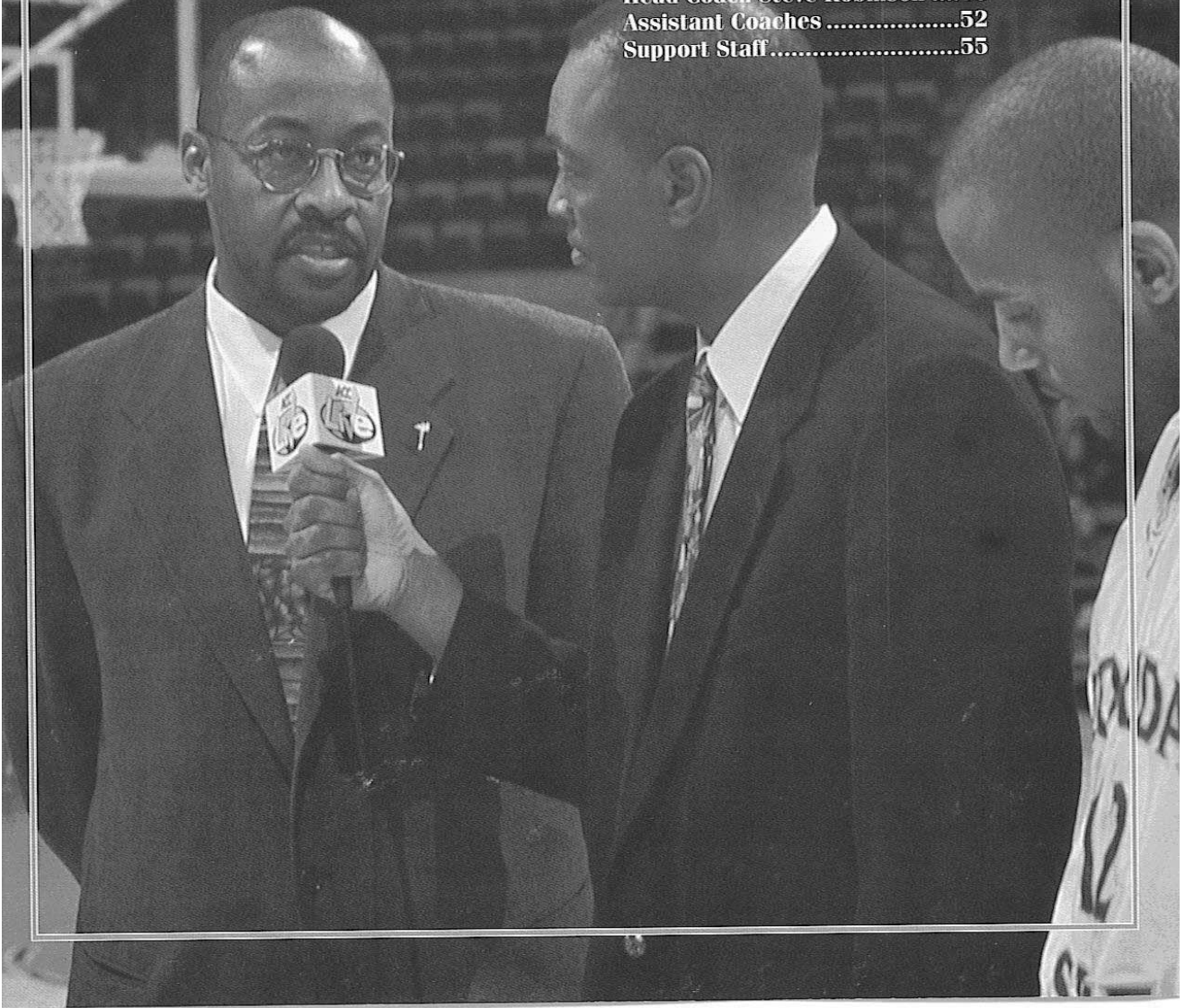


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Head Coach
Steve Robinson:

Putting Players First

No one's ever going to accuse Steve Robinson of not caring about winning. But to this head coach, the most important thing is the development of his players as students and athletes.

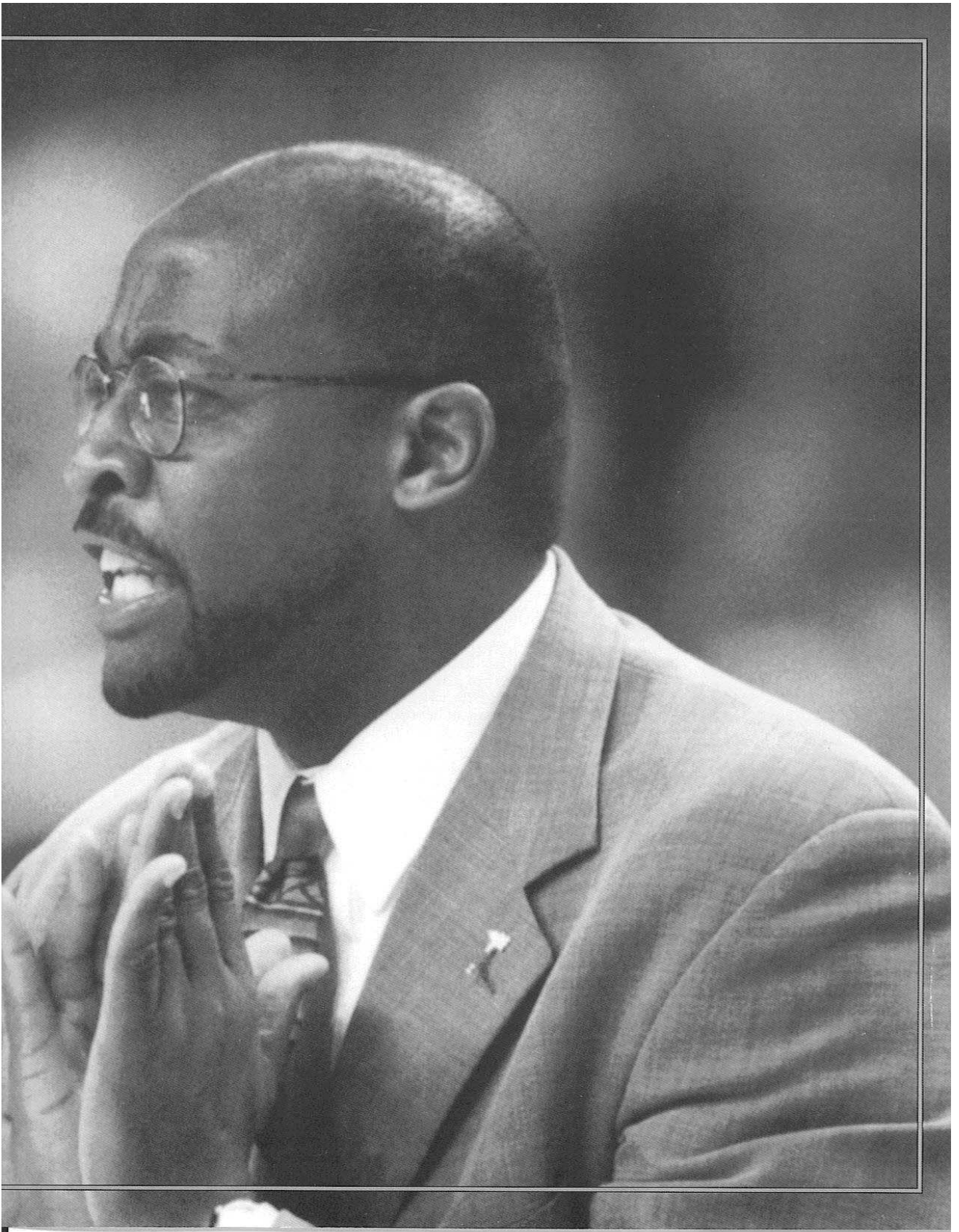
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Confident. Dedicated. Disciplined. Focused. Proud. Organized. Those are words that describe Florida State basketball coach Steve Robinson.

Those are also characteristics that Robinson instills in his players to get the best out of them on the basketball court and off it. Robinson, entering his second year at the helm of the Seminole hoops program, has an intense desire to succeed. He demands a great deal of himself and of those associated with his basketball program, and expects all of the hard work to pay great dividends for the future of Florida State basketball.

"Coach Robinson is going to do a great job at Florida State," said LaMarr Greer, a senior on Robinson's first Seminole squad last year. "What he did last year is just the beginning of great things. He puts so much effort into what he does, that, as a player you feel like you are cheating him if you don't give that same kind of effort. I am going to miss being a part of that family atmosphere."

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Florida State head coach Steve Robinson adds to the Atlantic Coast Conference's tradition of great coaches.

Always shouting encouragement from the bench, Steve Robinson stays busy on the sidelines.



What Robinson did in his initial season in Tallahassee was put Florida State back on the national map in college basketball. Consider:

- * The Seminoles returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years, upset fifth-seeded Texas Christian in the first round and advanced to the second round for the fourth time in the 1990's.

- * Florida State reappeared in the Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in four seasons, was ranked for eight consecutive weeks and peaked at No. 13.

- * Robinson became the first FSU first-year coach to lead the Tribe to the NCAA Tournament.

- * The Seminoles' 84-79 win over defending national champion and No. 5 Arizona on Dec. 23 equaled the highest ranked team ever defeated by Florida State at home and marked FSU's first Top 10 non-conference win in 11 years.

The end result of Robinson's first season was an 18-14 record and the laying of a foundation for the future of the Florida State program.

That foundation is built upon organization, structure, hard-work and pride.

"I am here for the long haul," said Robinson, "and things being built for the long-term need a solid foundation. I think we are putting that foundation in place."

Robinson's practices at Florida State are organized so that no minute is wasted. He includes a thought of the day on each day's practice plan and each drill during workouts has a purpose.

"Practices are like his classroom," said FSU assistant coach Coleman Crawford. "There is a lot of teaching going on and he is an outstanding teacher."

His day off the court is structured in time that allows for staff meetings and media obligations but his door is

always open for the people who are most important in his program - his players.

"We need to put them first because that is why I am a basketball coach," Robinson said. "My challenge is to make everybody on our team a better player and a better person. I enjoy that aspect of coaching."

Proof of that players-first philosophy is seen in the policies Robinson has put in place when the Seminoles travel on the road. Taller players get first crack - ahead of coaches and staff - at aisle and emergency exit row seats on commercial flights and Florida State charters flights home after week night games so players can attend early classes the next day.

Most importantly, he has instilled pride in his Florida State players.

"I think one of the most important things we accomplished in our first year, was establishing Seminole Pride," said Robinson. "That means that they give their best effort every day in practice, every time they are in the weight room, give their best effort during every game. They try to make the right decisions off the court and give everything they have in the classroom."

"I think our players used to be proud to play basketball in the ACC. Now they are proud to say that they play basketball at Florida State University."

Robinson has also established tradition to a program where there was once no legacy. Bringing back former Florida State players to his basketball camp and honoring former players with team awards in their name are just a couple of examples.

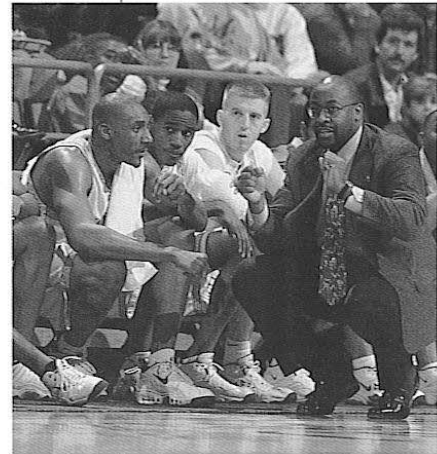
But nothing else would be expected from a coach that has spent his 15-year coaching career - the first 12 as an assistant, two as the head coach at Tulsa and last season at Florida State - among tradition-rich programs and winning teams.

The Robinson coaching resume includes: 14 winning seasons in his 15 years; 10 NCAA Tournament appearances, including nine consecutive; an average of nearly 22 victories per season; and - just as importantly - numerous academic all-

conference and honor roll awards for his players.

While at Tulsa, Robinson posted back-to-back 20-win campaigns and guided the Golden Hurricane to the NCAA Tournament both years. His first season at the school produced a 22-8 record, the school's first Missouri Valley Conference tournament title in 11 years and an automatic bid into the Big Dance. Robinson became only the second Tulsa head coach to take the program to the NCAA Tournament in his first year.

Robinson's second year at Tulsa presented a new challenge: a move to the



Steve Robinson doesn't just use practices to teach. He also does it during games.

expanded Western Athletic Conference. Robinson responded by taking Tulsa to the NCAA Tournament again, posting a 24-10 record (the fourth most wins in school history) and earning the WAC's Mountain Division Coach of the Year honor.

When Florida State Director of Athletics Dave Hart initially approached Robinson about FSU's head coaching vacancy, the 40-year-old Robinson said no - twice. But Hart was persistent, and was able to hire one of the rising young stars in the college coaching profession.

Robinson's initial reason for withdrawing from consideration for the Seminole post was one of the very reasons Hart pursued him so persistently.

"One big thing that I struggled with was being able to tell those players at Tulsa that I was leaving. That would be very hard for me," Robinson told Hart when he first declined the offer to coach the Seminoles.

Hart countered. "That is exactly why we want you here, because of the fact that you are the kind of guy that cares so much about your players." And those words are backed up by Robinson's accomplishments in his previous coaching stops. His players at Tulsa had a reputation for academic success. Five of his Golden Hurricane players carried grade point averages of at least 3.0 during each semester of his tenure at Tulsa. Two years ago, two starters carried 4.0 GPAs and the team's was 2.84.

His first season at Florida State also produced solid results in the classroom. The Seminoles' team GPA during the spring semester was 2.5, the program's highest this decade.

Robinson's coaching star began to shine in the seven seasons prior to his appointment at Tulsa. During those seven years, he served as an assistant coach at Kansas under one of the college game's most respected coaches — Roy Williams.

Robinson helped Williams build the Jayhawks into one of the nation's most dominant programs from 1988-95. During that time, KU averaged 26 wins per season while compiling a 184-51 record. Kansas won four Big Eight Conference titles and made six trips to the NCAA Tournament, including appearances in the Final Four in 1991 and 1993.

In addition to his coaching duties at Kansas, Robinson served as the basketball program's academic counselor. During his time, nine Jayhawk players were named to the Big Eight All-Academic team and 37 recorded grade point averages of 3.0 or better during the fall or spring semesters.

It is obvious that Williams made a permanent impression on Robinson. When asked to comment on what Williams meant to him during the press conference announcing his hiring at Florida State, Robinson responded:

"Do you have two hours? And that might not be enough time. I have very strong feelings for that man. My relationship with him is not like head coach-assistant coach, it is more like brother to brother. He is someone who I have great admiration for. He has done a tremendous job in helping me in terms of developing my career, teaching me to be a head coach and assisting me in all phases of running a basketball program."

Prior to joining Williams at Kansas, Robinson served as an assistant coach for two years at Cornell. The Big Red went 11-11 in 1987 and 17-10 in 1988. The 1987-88 team earned the school's first NCAA Tournament berth in 34 years.

Robinson began his coaching career at Lincoln (Pa.) University, where he spent the 1981-82 season. A one-year stint at Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, Va. followed during the 1982-83 season. He then returned to his alma mater, Radford, for three seasons as

an assistant coach (1983-85).

A native of Roanoke, Va., Robinson is a graduate of William Fleming High School. He attended Ferrum Junior College and played basketball for two years there before transferring to Radford to complete his eligibility. Robinson was

Radford's first athletic scholarship recipient and was team captain during the 1980 and 1981 seasons. He was inducted into the Ferrum and Radford Alumni Halls of Fame last year. He received his bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1981 and a master's degree in counseling in 1985, both from Radford.

Robinson has become a popular figure on the speaking circuit. He participated in the NCAA YES Clinic at the 1996 Final Four, where he was a guest clinician. Robinson has also lectured at various coaching clinics in California, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Florida. He is also a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches recruiting committee.

Robinson and his wife, Lisa, have four children: daughters Shauna' (18) and Kiaya (6); and sons Tarron (10) and Denzel (7).

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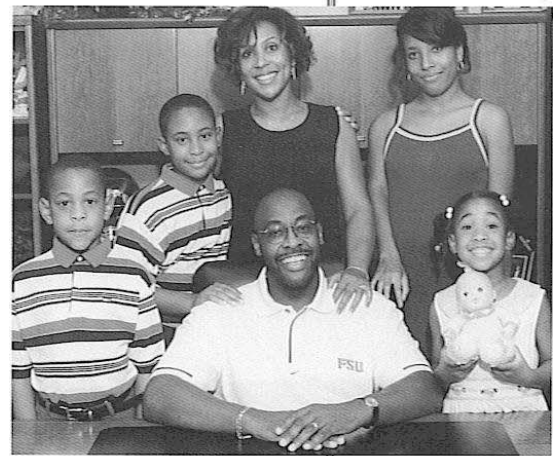


Steve Robinson always makes time to promote the Seminole basketball program.

Steve Robinson's Collegiate Coaching Record

Year	Position	School	Record	Post-Season
1983-84	Asst. Coach	Radford	17-10	—
1984-85	Asst. Coach	Radford	16-12	—
1985-86	Asst. Coach	Radford	11-17	—
1986-87	Asst. Coach	Cornell	15-11	—
1987-88	Asst. Coach	Cornell	17-10	NCAA
1988-89	Asst. Coach	Kansas	19-12	—
1989-90	Asst. Coach	Kansas	30-5	NCAA
1990-91	Asst. Coach	Kansas	27-8	NCAA (Final Four)
1991-92	Asst. Coach	Kansas	27-5	NCAA
1992-93	Asst. Coach	Kansas	29-7	NCAA (Final Four)
1993-94	Asst. Coach	Kansas	27-8	NCAA
1994-95	Asst. Coach	Kansas	25-6	NCAA
1995-96	Head Coach	Tulsa	22-8	NCAA (First Round)
1996-97	Head Coach	Tulsa	24-10	NCAA (Second Round)
1997-98	Head Coach	Florida State	18-14	NCAA (Second Round)

The Robinson Family includes: daughters Shauna' and Kiaya; sons Tarron and Denzel; wife Lisa and FSU head coach Steve.





Coleman Crawford

Assistant Coach
North Alabama, '75 - 2nd Season at Florida State

Coleman Crawford is entering his second season on the Florida State basketball staff as an assistant coach under Steve Robinson. Crawford was named to his post on July 7, 1997 and works with FSU's post players.

"Coleman is very well connected and very well respected in the coaching business," said Robinson. "He is a great teacher and has a great feel for post-man development."

Crawford will hone the skills of one of the top young big men in the Atlantic Coast Conference in sophomore center Karim Shabazz. In addition to his post player duties, Crawford also assists in recruiting, scouting and daily practice coaching.

The 45-year old native of Henderson, NC, is one of two assistants on the Florida State staff that

has Division I head coaching experience (Jim Platt is the other). Crawford was the head coach at Akron from 1989-1995.

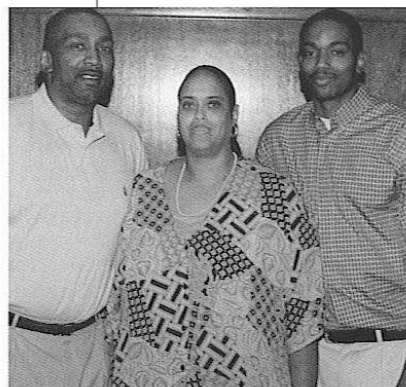
During the 1989-90 season, his first at Akron, the Zips went 16-12 and fell just one victory shy of tying the best record for a first-year Akron basketball coach. Crawford's teams also put together winning seasons in 1991 and 1992 with 15-13 and 16-12 marks, respectively.

Prior to his appointment at Akron, Crawford served as an assistant coach at Tennessee under Don DeVoe from 1986 through 1989. During his three seasons with the Vols, Tennessee earned bids to the 1988 NIT and 1989 NCAA Tournament. Previously, he was an assistant coach at Akron under current Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins for three years (1984-86) and also held assistant coaching positions at Middle Tennessee State (1982-84) and Delta State (1979-82).

Crawford is a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and has served on the NABC's Legislative Committee. He is a frequent speaker at coaching clinics around the nation as well, talking about post player development. He has also served as a member of the NCAA Midwest Advisory Committee that evaluates teams for the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee and, at the 1994 Final Four, participated as an instructor in a special NCAA youth clinic. Crawford

served as a coaching panelist at the 1998 NCAA Student Leadership Conference in Orlando.

A standout in college at North Alabama, Crawford began his collegiate



The Crawford family (from left): Coleman, Elaine and Adrian.

Coleman Crawford works with Seminole post players and is one of two Florida State assistant coaches with Division I head coaching experience.



career at Seward County (KS) Community College before transferring to North Alabama. While at UNA, he was a two-time all-conference performer in 1974 and 1975. In 1974 he was named conference player of the year. North Alabama honored Crawford by inducting him into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

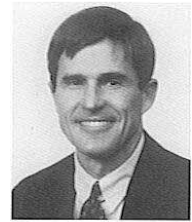
Crawford received his bachelor's degree from North Alabama in history and secondary education in 1975 and earned a master's degree in administration supervision in 1980 from Delta State.

Crawford and his wife, Elaine, have two sons, William (25) and Adrian (20), who transferred into the Seminole basketball program from Tulsa during the summer of 1997.

Jim Platt

Assistant Coach

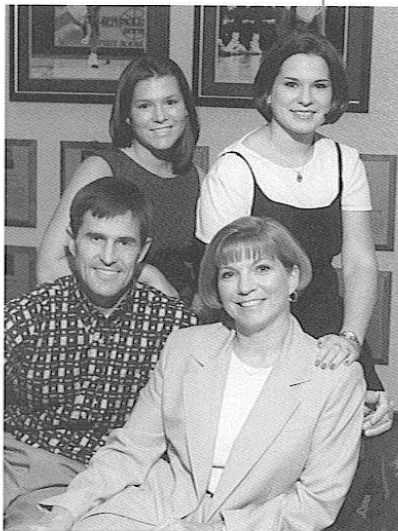
Concordia (IL) College, '73 - 2nd Season at Florida State



Jim Platt is in his 20th season of college coaching, including four years as a Division I head coach. Platt works with Florida State's perimeter players.

Jim Platt, entering his 20th year of Division I college coaching, is in his second season as an assistant coach at Florida State. Platt joined FSU head coach Steve Robinson's staff at Tulsa for the 1995-96 season and followed Robinson to Tallahassee when he was appointed the Seminole head coach in July of 1997.

Platt works with FSU's perimeter players and also holds recruiting and scouting responsibilities.



The Platt family: Jim and Cheryl (front), Jaime and Jessica (back).

"Jim is as enthusiastic and hard-working as they come in this business," said Robinson. "He owns a vast knowledge of the game of basketball and I am fortunate to have someone with his qualities on my staff."

Platt, along with fellow Florida State assistant Coleman Crawford, is a former head coach at the Division I college level after serving four seasons in that role at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. He was named to that post prior to the 1990-91 season and led the Trojans to an 18-12 record and an appearance in the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament championship game. Platt posted two winning seasons and compiled a 56-59 record in four years there.

He was on Robinson's staff at Tulsa for the 1995-96 and 1996-

97 seasons as the Golden Hurricane advanced to the NCAA Tournament both years.

Prior to his appointment as the head coach at Arkansas-Little Rock, Platt was an assistant for 12 seasons at two Division I programs.

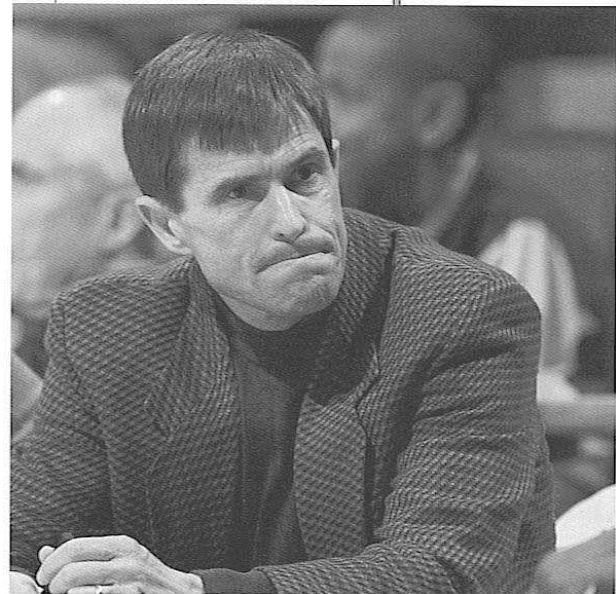
Platt served under Bob Donewald at Illinois State for six seasons from 1978-84 then moved on to DePaul under Joey Meyer from 1984-90. He was associated with teams that made nine postseason appearances, including seven NCAA Tournaments, in those 12

years and averaged 21 wins per season. During his stint at Illinois State, the Redbirds finished in second place twice in the Missouri Valley Conference, won the MVC Tournament in 1983, were crowned co-champions with Tulsa in 1984 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament twice and the NIT one time. Platt helped lead DePaul to

five straight NCAA Tournament appearances and one trip to the NIT. While at DePaul, *Basketball Times* tabbed Platt as one of the nation's top 20 assistants.

Platt began his coaching career at Luther North High School in Chicago in 1973. He made the jump to the collegiate ranks for the 1978-79 season.

A 1973 graduate of Concordia (IL) College, Platt earned a bachelor of arts



degree. He was a four-year letter-winner on both the basketball and baseball teams at Concordia.

A native of Aurora, Illinois, the 47-year-old Platt and his wife, Cheryl, have three children: Jeff (22), a junior on the Tulsa basketball squad, Jessica (19) and Jamie (16).



Tim Juhlin

Assistant Coach
Northern Iowa, '90 - 2nd Season at Florida State

Although he is new to the Florida State coaching staff for the 1998-99 season, first year assistant coach Tim Juhlin is no stranger to Steve Robinson. This season marks the fourth that Juhlin has been associated with Robinson.

"Tim is a hard-working young man that has a great deal of basketball experience," said Robinson, the FSU head coach. "He has done an excellent job for our staff off the court the last few years

and I have no doubt that he will continue to do a good job now that his duties are on-court related."

Juhlin's work with Robinson dates back to the 1995-96 season while both were at Tulsa. Juhlin served as an administrative assistant/manager under Robinson there when the Golden Hurricane played in a pair of NCAA Tournaments. Juhlin moved to Tallahassee when Robinson was named the Florida State head coach and was the administrative assistant on the FSU staff last season.

Born in Guam, Juhlin played two seasons of basketball at Northern

Iowa Area Community College. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Northern Iowa in 1990.

After receiving his undergraduate degree, Juhlin moved on to Tulsa where he earned a master's degree in individual organizational psychology in 1993. He also worked under current Kentucky head coach Tubby Smith from 1992-94 while Smith was the Tulsa head coach.

The 29-year old Juhlin is a native of Mason City, Iowa.



Matt Wingate

Administrative Assistant
Kansas, '92 - 2nd Season at Florida State

Matt Wingate, a member of Steve Robinson's coaching staff at Tulsa from 1995-97, joined the Florida State basketball family when Robinson was named the FSU head coach in July of 1997. He was an assistant coach on the Seminoles' NCAA Tournament team last year and has moved into an administrative assistant role this year.

In his new role, Wingate's duties include coordinating team travel, practice and facility scheduling and dormitory supervision. He is also involved in scheduling and budget matters.

Wingate is in his seventh year of working with Robinson.

"Matt is an extremely bright and energetic young man," said Robinson. "He knows how our program should be operated and has done a tremendous job working with me in the past."

Wingate's history with Robinson dates to his undergraduate days at the University of Kansas. While at Kansas, Wingate served as a basketball manager for three seasons during Robinson's assistant coaching stint under Roy Williams. Wingate was the Jayhawks' head manager as a senior and also served as a student-athlete tutor in English and science for a year. While at Kansas, he also served as a supervising counselor at the Roy Williams Basketball Camp for three summers.

After earning a bachelor's degree in sports management from Kansas in 1992, Wingate moved on to the National Association of Basketball

Coaches (NABC) in Overland Park, KS. During his tenure at the NABC, he coordinated all aspects of the NABC All-America awards program, assisted with the organization and marketing of the NABC East-West All-Star Game at the Final Four and served as the association's staff liaison to the NABC Congress and its committees.

Wingate joined Robinson's Tulsa coaching staff prior to the 1995-96 season and was an assistant coach on the Golden Hurricane's 1996 and 1997 NCAA Tournament teams.

The 28-year-old Wingate is a native of Eureka, KS.

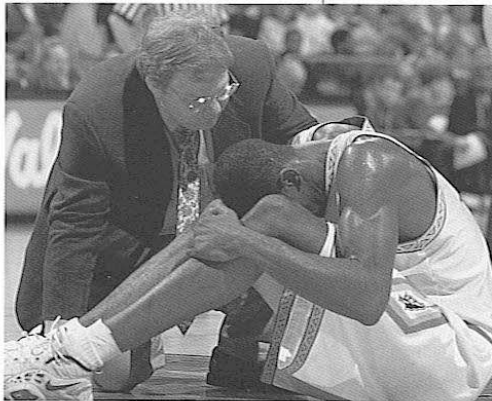
Basketball Support Staff

Sam Lunt

Head Basketball Trainer, Miami, '83

Sam Lunt is in his 15th year of association with the Florida State athletics department, and he begins his 11th as head basketball trainer in 1998-99.

Lunt originally came to FSU in 1983 as a graduate assistant after receiving his bachelor's degree in athletic training from the University of Miami. While at UM, he worked as a student trainer in the Hurricane athlet-



Florida State trainer Sam Lunt is in his 11th season with the basketball program and his 15th year with the Seminole athletics department.

ic department and served as an assistant trainer with the NFL's Miami Dolphins in the summer of 1982.

As a graduate assistant at Florida State, Lunt worked with the Seminole football team while earning his master's in sports psychology. He then moved on to the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL for the 1985 spring season, but returned to the college ranks that summer when he was named assistant trainer at Louisville.

The Fort Myers, FL native returned to FSU in 1986 and his duties included assisting head trainer Randy Oravetz with the Seminole football team as well as working with all men's teams. Lunt then became head basketball trainer and oversees all spring sports.

Involved in athletics at both the national and international level, Lunt worked closely with FSU team physicians in planning and coordinating the medical coverage for the 1991 AAU Junior Olympics held in Tallahassee.

A certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, Lunt has also worked as a volunteer trainer at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO at the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival and as the trainer for the U.S. track team at the 1989 World University Games in Duisburg, Germany. Lunt, 37, is married to the

former Agnes Bundick. The couple has a one year old son, Ryan Patrick.

Gene Granger

Equipment Manager, Bethune-Cookman, '71

A member of the Florida State athletic staff since 1971, Gene Granger is in his 20th year as head equipment manager for the Florida State basketball team.

A native of Dade City, Florida, Granger attended Bethune-Cookman College, where he played varsity base-

ball from 1969 through 1971. After college, he joined the Seminole athletic staff as an assistant manager for five years before being named to the head equipment manager position in 1977.

Granger, 53, and his wife, Alberta, are the parents of two children: Apryl (22) and Gene Jr. (18).

Kevin White

Men's Basketball Academic Counselor

James Madison, '91

Kevin White is in his second year as a member of Florida State's academic support staff and serves as the basketball program's academic counselor. White is responsible for coordinating and monitoring completion of degree requirements as well as monitoring study hall, tutorial services, academic progress and assisting in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.

A native of Seat Pleasant, MD outside of Washington, DC, White attended James Madison University on a football scholarship. He was a three-year letterwinner for the Dukes and received his bachelor's degree in sociology and communication in May of 1991.

White worked as a graduate assistant at James Madison in the Office of Academic Development for Student-Athletes in 1991-92 then was promoted to a full-time position in the spring of 1992. White worked there for four more years before coming to Florida State.

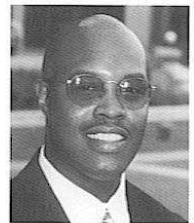
A member of the Black Coaches Association and the National Association of Academic Advisers, White also works with the Seminole tennis and track and field programs.



Sam Lunt
Head Basketball Trainer



Gene Granger
Equipment Manager



Kevin White
Men's Basketball
Academic Counselor



Ron Miller
Strength Coach



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Basketball Secretary

Ron Miller

**Strength Coach
Florida State, '92**

Former Florida State basketball player Ron Miller is in his fourth year on the Seminole strength and conditioning staff but his first working with the FSU hoops program.

Miller coordinates a year-round weight room and conditioning program for Seminole players and also works closely with FSU trainer Sam Lunt as players recover from injuries.

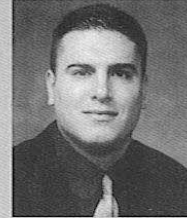
A native of Tallahassee, Miller began his college basketball career at Mercer before transferring to Florida State for the 1988-89 season. He was a three-year letterwinner as a Seminole and played on NCAA Tournament teams as a junior and senior. As a senior, Miller earned FSU's ACC Senior Scholarship Athlete of the Year honors.

Miller graduated from Florida State in 1992 with a degree in communications and earned his master's degree in athletic administration in 1994. He is a member of the National Strength and Condition Association and Aerobics and Fitness Association of America. Miller married the former Cindy Milbuta in December, 1997.

Basketball Managers



Ben Fratrick



David Moran



The Florida State basketball program has appeared in the postseason eight times in the last 12 seasons.