

2000-2001  
*Seminoles*

# Coaches

The 2000-2001 Coaching Staff





**Steve Robinson**  
Seminole Head Coach



In his very first year at FSU, Steve Robinson led a Seminole return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years.

Steve Robinson is regarded as one of the top coaches in the nation.

**R**obinson'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 is 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 three seasons at Florida State also produced solid results in the classroom. The Seminoles' team GPA during the spring semester during his first two years have been 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 college basketball 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-assis-

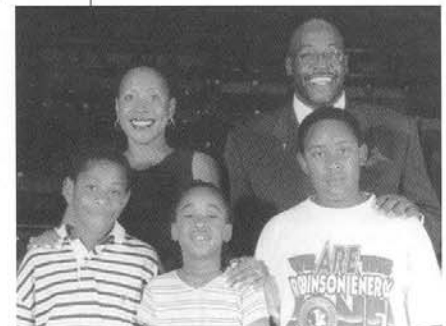


*"Practices are like his classroom," says assistant coach Coleman Crawford. "There is a lot of teaching going on and he is an outstanding teacher."*

*Robinson's time, both on and off the court, is tightly structured to make the most of every available minute, but his policy of "putting players first" means he keeps himself easily available to his team members whenever they need him.*

tant 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 15-11 in 1987 and 17-10 in 1988.



The Robinson family: Sons Denzel (left) and Tarron (right) and daughter Kiaya (center) with wife Lisa and Steve

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 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, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. He is

also a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches recruiting committee.

Robinson and his wife, Lisa, have four children: daughters Shauna (20) and Kiaya (8); and sons Tarron (12) and Denzel (9).

### The Steve Robinson Notebook

#### Personal Background

Birthdate: October 29, 1957  
 Hometown: Roanoke, Virginia  
 Family: wife Lisa; daughters Shauna (19), Kiaya (7); sons Tarron (11) and Denzel (8).

#### Educational Background

High School: William Fleming (Va.) High School (1976)

College:

- Ferrum Junior College (1977-78)
- Radford University (B.S. in Health and Physical Education, 1981) Team captain for two seasons on the basketball team.
- Radford University (Master's in Counseling, 1985)

#### Coaching Background

**1982-83:** Assistant Coach at Albemarle High School (Va.)

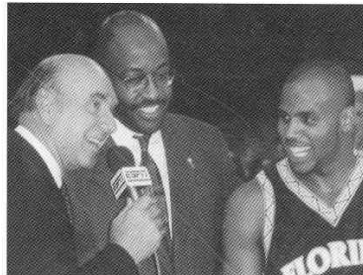
**1983-86:** Assistant Coach at his alma mater, Radford University, for three seasons ... Radford posted an overall 44-39 record his tenure.

**1986-88:** Assistant Coach for two seasons at Cornell University ... the Big Red went 32-21 during his two years and made its first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1954 by advancing in 1987-88.

**1988-95:** Assistant Coach for seven years at Kansas under Roy Williams ... helped guide the Jayhawks to an average of 26 wins per season with an overall mark of 184-51 (.783) during the seven years ... Kansas won four Big Eight Conference titles and made six trips to the NCAA Tournament, including two Final Four appearances, during that span.

**1995-97:** Named head basketball coach at Tulsa on April 13, 1995 ... led Tulsa to back-to-back 20-win seasons and a pair of NCAA Tournament berths in his two seasons at the school ... guided the Golden Hurricane to a 22-8 record and the school's first Missouri Valley Conference post-season tournament title since 1986 in his first season ... became only the second Tulsa head coach to take the Golden Hurricane to the NCAA Tournament in his first season ... last year, his club tied for the fourth most wins in school history with a 24-10 record and placed second in the WAC's Mountain Division behind Utah ... defeated Boston University in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Clemson in the second round ... was named the Western Athletic Conference's Mountain Division Coach of the Year ... career head coaching record of 46-18.

**1997-Present:** Appointed the sixth head coach in Florida State basketball history on July 1, 1997 ... took the Seminoles to the NCAA Tournament in his first season and guided them into the second round ... NCAA appearance was the first in five years for the FSU program ... finished with an 18-14 record ... Florida State was also ranked as high as 13th in the country in the Associated Press Top 25 and their appearance in the poll was its first in four seasons ... helped Seminole players improve dramatically in the classroom as the team has posted the decades best team GPA's the last two years ... went 13-17 in his second year and 12-17 in his third.



Steve Robinson frequently appears on national television along with his Seminole players.

### 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)
1998-99	Head Coach	Florida State	13-17	—
1999-00	Head Coach	Florida State	12-17	—

### Steve Robinson's Career Record Versus Schools

Alabama-Birmingham	1-0	Oral Roberts	1-1
Arizona	1-0	Oklahoma	1-0
Auburn	0-2	Oklahoma State	2-0
Boston University	1-0	Prairie View A&M	1-0
Bradley	1-2	Princeton	0-1
Brigham Young	2-0	Rice	2-1
Butler	0-1	Sam Houston State	1-0
Citadel	1-0	San Jose State	2-0
<b>Clemson</b>	<b>3-5</b>	Seton Hall	0-1
Connecticut	1-0	Southern Methodist	2-0
Creighton	1-1	<b>South Florida</b>	<b>1-2</b>
Delaware State	1-0	Southern Illinois	1-0
<b>DePaul*</b>	<b>1-0</b>	Southern Utah	1-0
Drake	2-0	Southwest Missouri State	1-1
<b>Duke</b>	<b>0-7</b>	Southwest Texas State	1-0
Evansville	4-0	Southwestern Louisiana	1-0
<b>Florida</b>	<b>1-2</b>	St. Joseph's	0-1
Florida Atlantic	1-0	Temple	2-2
Georgia Southern	1-0	Texas Christian	3-1
<b>Georgia Tech</b>	<b>4-3</b>	Tulane	0-1
Houston	0-1	UCLA	1-0
Idaho	1-0	UNLV	1-0
Illinois State	1-2	Utah	0-2
Indiana State	1-0	Utah State	1-0
<b>Jacksonville</b>	<b>3-0</b>	UTEP	2-0
Kansas	0-1	Valparaiso*	2-1
Louisville	0-1	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>4-2</b>
Loyola (Md.)	1-0	<b>Wake Forest</b>	<b>4-2</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>0-8</b>	Western Kentucky	1-0
Massachusetts	0-1	Wichita State	2-0
Mississippi State	1-0	NCAA Tournament	2-3
Murray State	1-0	Conference Tournament	6-4
New Mexico	1-1	Non-Conference	47-23
New Mexico State	1-0	Conference	41-51
Norfolk State	1-0	Neutral	13-11
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>1-5</b>	Home	48-24
North Carolina A&T	1-0	Away	27-32
North Carolina Asheville	1-0	OT	4-5
<b>North Carolina State</b>	<b>3-4</b>	2OT	0-2
Northern Iowa	2-0		
Northwestern	1-0		

Teams on 2000-2001 Schedule in Bold Face  
 \*Possible Opponent in Great Alaskan Shootout

## Q&A: Question and Answer with Head Coach Steve Robinson



Sam Cassell appears at Steve Robinson's summer camp on an annual basis.

*How did you develop your great passion for the game of basketball?*

I developed my passion for the game of basketball at an early age by watching college and NBA games. I also came to love the game as I was growing up playing in neighborhood parks and pretending to be some of the great players in the Atlantic Coast Conference. I have always loved this league and its players and enjoyed emulating them as I learned to play the game of basketball.

*When did you begin bouncing a basketball, did you want to be a player or a coach?*

As far back as I can remember, I have had some kind of ball in my hand – a baseball, a football, a basketball, a tennis ball – you name it. I knew I wanted to become a coach while in high school.

*What made you decide to become a coach?*

I was fortunate to have learned the game from great coaches during my junior and senior high school playing days. I thought to coach I had to teach physical education. To me that meant wearing shorts to work and playing sports all day. I always thought that kind of job would be great.

*What is it like to coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference?*

Coaching in the Atlantic Coast Conference is very special. It's a great environment in which to coach and play basketball. The combined efforts of the very first coaches and players to those of today have made this conference consistently one of the best in the nation.

*What is it like to coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament?*

Coaching in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament is an unbelievably powerful experience. The energy that is displayed by everyone – the coaches, players and fans – is amazing. It is one of the greatest sporting events that I have ever been involved in. I would also include playing in two Final Fours among those great events.

*How did you develop your coaching philosophy?*

My coaching philosophy is a work in progress. I have gathered information from the coaches I both worked and played for during my career. Charlie VanLear, my high school coach, and Joe Davis, my junior college coach, are the two people who had a profound impact on my coaching career. I learned even more from Coach Davis as I was fortunate to work with him for three years at Radford University. I also learned a great deal from Mike Dement, who is now at SMU, while working with him at Cornell for two seasons. In addition, I spent seven years learning and working with Roy Williams at Kansas.

*What other coaches have influenced you the most?*

I have been influenced by a number of great coaches including Roy Williams, John Thompson, Dean Smith and John Chaney. Those men have meant a great deal to the game of basketball and a great deal to me as an individual.

*What do you like most about coaching on the collegiate level?*

The aspect I enjoy most is building a team and watching it fall together piece by piece. To be able to watch young men mature into adults is something special. Last, but not least, I enjoy winning.

*As a player, who did you emulate?*

I emulated Bob Dandridge while I was growing up. Bob starred at Norfolk State and later in the NBA with the Milwaukee Bucks.

*Is selling Florida State across the state important to you and your program?*

Selling Florida State University across the state is very important to the success of this program. We have received very positive responses in our recruiting efforts across the state. I think our program and our coaching staff is very well regarded around the entire state. We must continue to build on that

and allow that respect to help our program grow. Our ability to build positive relationships with the coaches around the state is vital to our success.

*What are your biggest basketball moments?*

When I was an assistant coach at Kansas we played in the Final Four twice. Beating Arizona when they were ranked fifth in the nation and playing in the NCAA Tournament during my first year at Florida State were also very big thrills. My biggest basketball moment is still to come and it will happen at Florida State.

*If you could do anything to the college game to make it better, what would it be?*

If I could do anything, I would like to expand the NCAA Tournament field. Expanding the tournament field would give more student-athletes the chance to experience the feeling of

playing in one of the greatest sporting events there is.

*Do you consider yourself a basketball purist?*

I love the game of basketball, but the term "purist" should be reserved for people like James Naismith, Phog Allen, Henry Iba and John McClendon, Jr. I am in the new wave of coaches that must work with a different athlete and a different type of person. Today's players have so much talent and are so advanced in almost every aspect of their development. Today's game is very different and today's coaches must approach it in a very different way.

*How do you approach a game?*

I want our coaching staff and our team to be as prepared as we possibly can when approaching a game. We want our young men to be ready for anything that may happen on the court.

*How do you unwind after a game?*

As a coach, unwinding after a game is not easy. Most of the time, I come home and watch tape of the game we just played.



*"The aspect of coaching I enjoy most is building a team and watching it fall together piece by piece. To be able to watch young men mature into adults is something special."*

# Coleman Crawford

Assistant Coach

North Alabama '75 - 4th Season at Florida State

**C**oleman Crawford, the head coach at the University of Akron from 1989-95, is in his fourth season as an assistant coach on Steve Robinson's staff. He became the first assistant coach hired by Robinson when he was named

the head coach in 1997.

Crawford serves as one of Florida State's two primary recruiters in addition to his on-the-court coaching and administrative duties. Crawford has played an integral part in the development of the Seminole post players during his career in Tallahassee.

Crawford is one of two coaches on the staff with NCAA Tournament coaching experience. He was an assistant coach at Tennessee when the Volunteers played in the 1988 NIT and the 1989 NCAA Tournament.

Crawford recorded a winning record during his tenure as the head coach at Akron. 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 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



*The Crawford Family:  
Coleman and his wife  
Elaine.*

Volunteers, 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 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 career at Seward County Community College (Kan.) before transferring to UNA. While at North Alabama, he was a two-time all-conference performer in 1974 and 1975. In

1974 he was selected named Conference Player of the Year. North Alabama honored Crawford by inducting him into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

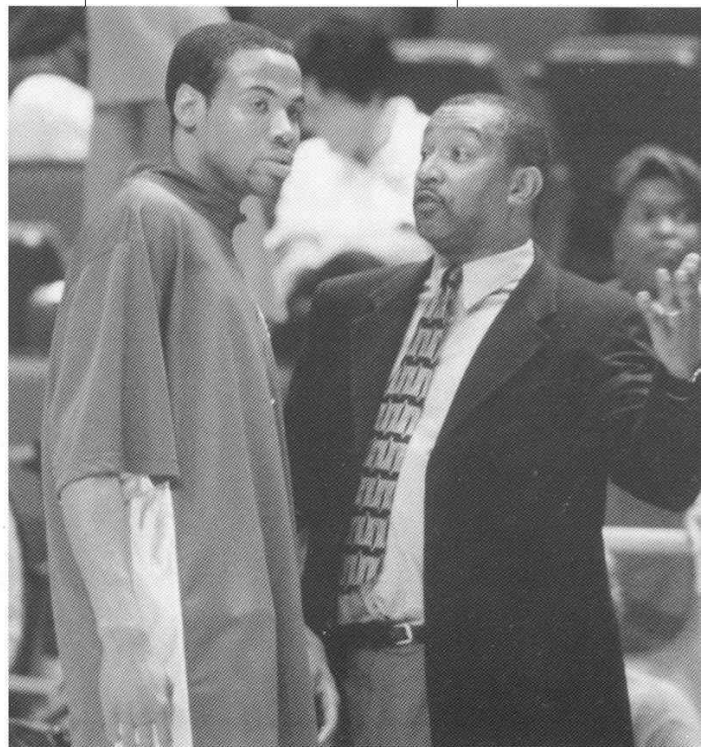
Crawford received his bachelor's degree from North Alabama in history and secondary education in 1975 and earned a master's degree in administration supervision in 1980 from Delta State.

Crawford and his wife, Elaine, have two sons; William (27) and Adrian (22), who is a team tri-captain for the Seminoles this season.



**Coleman Crawford**  
Assistant Coach

*Coleman Crawford is in his fourth year on Steve Robinson's Seminole staff.*



# Rob Wilkes

Assistant Coach  
Stetson '93 - 1st Season at Florida State



**Rob Wilkes**  
Assistant Coach

**R**ob Wilkes, who was the recruiting coordinator at Georgia Southern during the 1999-2000 season, is in his first season as an assistant coach on Steve Robinson's staff at Florida State. Wilkes, 29 is the son of longtime Stetson head coach Glenn Wilkes, he spent last season as an assistant coach at Georgia Southern, where he was also the Eagles' recruiting coordinator. Georgia Southern went 16-12 a year ago, its first winning record since 1992-93. While at Georgia Southern, Wilkes also signed Florida's high school Class 6A players of the year each of the last two seasons.

Prior to his stint at Georgia Southern, Wilkes was an assistant coach at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. for six years (1993-99). Lynn compiled a 136-42 record during his time there, made the NCAA Division II National Tournament each season and made the 1997 Elite Eight.

Wilkes graduated from Stetson in 1993 with a degree in sports administration and earned a master's in international business administration from Lynn in 1995. His brother, Scott, was a two-year basketball letterman at Florida State from 1981-83.



*Rob Wilkes is in his first season as an assistant at Florida State.*

# Stephen Giles

Assistant Coach

North Carolina '90 – 1st Season at Florida State

**S**tephen Giles, a member of the Orlando Magic scouting staff since 1992, is in his first season as an assistant coach on the Florida State men's basketball staff. Giles joins Robinson's staff after working with the Orlando Magic for nine years, most recently as their scouting coordinator.

"We are very excited about Stephen's addition to our staff," said Robinson. "His extensive expertise in both video technology and scouting add very positive dimensions to our program. Stephen also brings countless new and fresh ideas which will benefit our staff as well as our players. His knowledge of the game of basketball and his connections at the next level will also be a tremendous asset to our program."

In Orlando, Giles was a member of the Magic coaching staff, overseeing the video scouting department while also serving as an advance scout. In addition, he assisted the Magic's general manager and director of player personnel in the coordination of all college scouting. His duties also included assisting with on-floor practices, preparing all game-related scouting material and aiding in the preparation of training camp, summer league, draft day and free agent signings. Giles joined the Magic in 1992 as a video scout and was promoted to scouting coordinator in 1997.

During his first summer with the Magic, Giles served as an assistant coach with the Tampa Bay Sunblasters of the USBL. He has also served in assistant coaching positions at Georgia Southern University and the University of North Carolina.

At Georgia Southern, Giles worked for a year as a graduate assistant

coach while completing his master's degree in sports management. In his one year there, the team compiled the best record in school history and made the NCAA Tournament.

The Erwin, N.C., native graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1990. At UNC, Giles served as a volunteer assistant coach with the Tar Heels' junior varsity during the program's 1990-91 Final Four season.



**Stephen Giles**  
Assistant Coach



*Stephen Giles is in his first season on Steve Robinson's coaching staff.*

# Red Johnston

Director of Basketball Operations  
Central Florida '93 - 1st Season at Florida State



**Red Johnston**  
Director of  
Basketball Operations

**R**ed Johnston, who was recognized by ESPN's Scholastic Sports America program as its 2000 National Prep Coach of the Year, is in his first season as the director of operations for the Florida State men's basketball team.

Johnston is responsible for all internal operations of the Seminole basketball program and will serve as the liaison to the department of athletics. He will be involved with day-to-day operations of the team, including budgetary matters, team travel and dining contracts. In addition, Johnston is responsible for non-conference scheduling and works with the conference office to coordinate the Seminoles' ACC schedule. Johnston is the director of Steve Robinson's annual summer camp, and is also the director for the annual Steve Robinson Golf Tournament.

Johnston began the sports management program at Evans High School (Orlando, Fla.), for which he has become nationally recognized, in 1999. The program offers classes in sports sociology, sports psychology, sports marketing and sports information. The sports information class was designed as and followed the procedures of a college sports information office. The students ran the office, compiled statistical information for football and basketball, wrote and edited game notes for all 15 sports and created a media guide for the football team. Students also wrote weekly press releases and game stories.

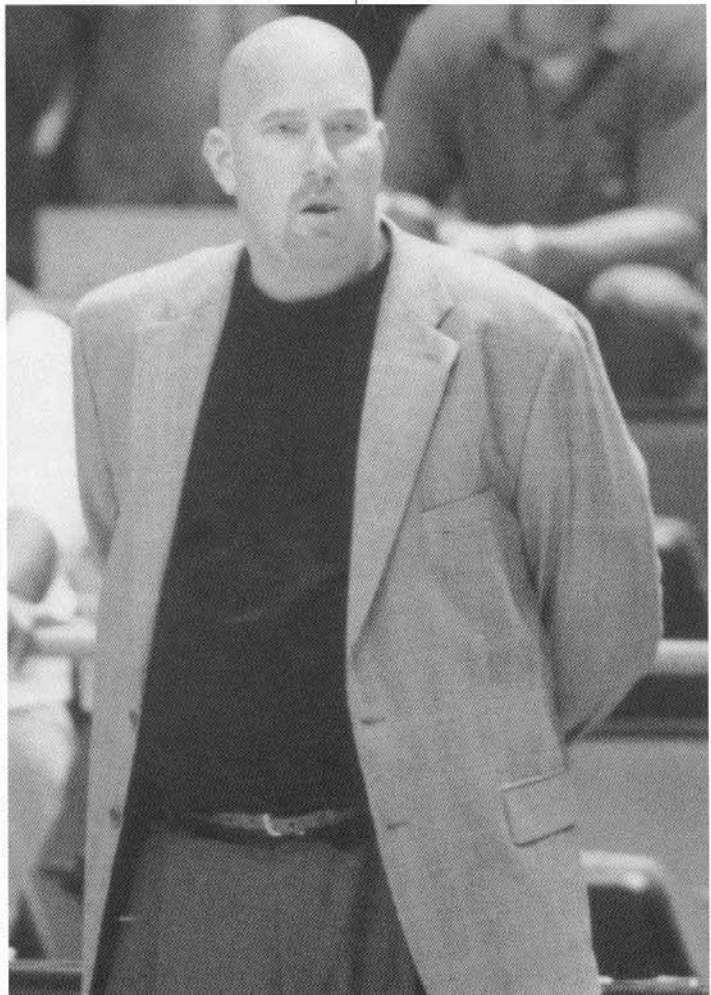
The sports marketing class allowed students to become junior executives by running day-to-day operations of a fantasy football and basketball team. They had to create a team from its

foundation including devising a season ticket plan, funding and building a stadium, creating a concession plan, implementing a security plan and producing an advertising plan for radio and television.

During the Summer of 2000, Johnston was selected as a winner in the Teacheriffic Award program spon-

sored by Disney. He was one of 98 teachers to be recognized nationally, earned a \$1,000 prize and was presented with a Mouscar, Disney's version of the Oscar.

*Red Johnston is an integral part of the coaching staff at Florida State.*





# Basketball Support Staff

## Sam Lunt

**Head Basketball Trainer**  
Miami '83

Sam Lunt is in his 17th season as a member of the Florida State University athletic staff and is in his 13th as the head trainer for the men's basketball team.

Lunt originally came to Florida State in 1983 as a graduate assistant after receiving his bachelor's degree in athletic training from the University of Miami. While at Miami, he worked as a student trainer in the Hurricane athletic department and served as an assistant trainer with the Miami Dolphins of the NFL during the summer of 1982.

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

The Fort Myers, Fla., native returned to Florida State in 1986. His duties included assisting head trainer Randy Oravetz with the Seminole football team as well as working with all of the men's varsity teams. Lunt then became the head trainer for men's basketball while overseeing all men's sports.

During his career at Florida State, Lunt has been involved with athletes at both the national and international level. He worked closely with FSU's team of physicians in planning and coordinating the medical coverage for the 1991 AAU Junior Olympics which were held in Tallahassee.

Lunt is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. He worked as a volunteer trainer at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., during the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival. He was also a member of the training staff at the 1989 World University games in Duisburg, Germany.

Lunt, 39, is married to the former Agnes Bundick. The couple have three

children: Ryan, a three-year-old son, and newborn twins, Sean and Erin.

## Gene Granger

**Equipment Manager**  
Bethune-Cookman, '71

Gene Granger, who has been a member of the Florida State University athletic staff since 1971, is in his 22nd year as the head equipment manager for the men's basketball team.

A native of Dade City, Fla., Granger attended Bethune-Cookman College where he played varsity baseball from 1969 through 1971. He joined the Florida State staff as an assistant equipment manager before being named to the head equipment manager in 1977.

Granger, 55, and his wife, Alberta, are the proud parents of two children: Apryl (24) and Gene, Jr., (19), a member of the Tallahassee Community College basketball team.

## Kevin White

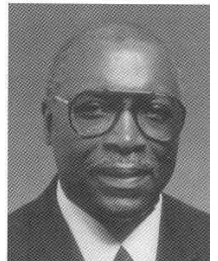
**Men's Basketball**  
**Academic Counselor**  
James Madison '91

Kevin White is in his fourth 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 overseeing study hall and tutorial services while watching over academic progress of the Seminole student-athletes. In addition, he assists the department in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes when they come to campus.

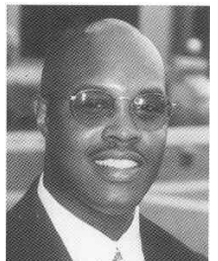
A native of Seat Pleasant, Md., White attended James Madison University on a football scholarship. He was a three-year letterwinner for the Dukes and received his bachelor's degree in sociology in communication in May of 1991.



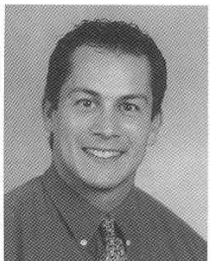
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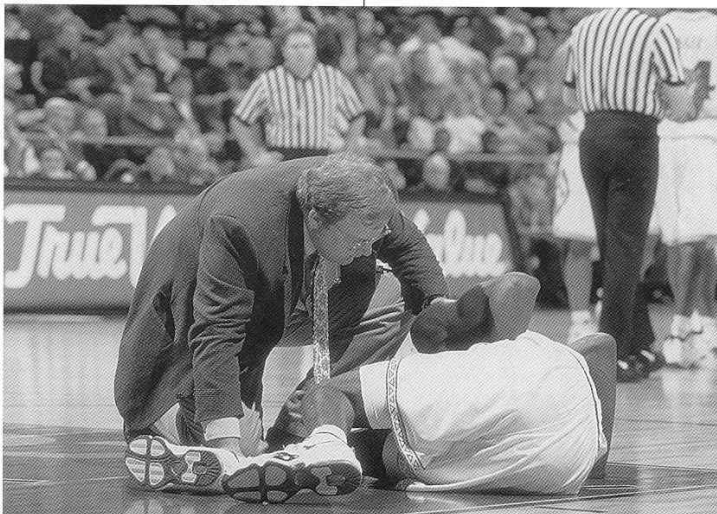
**Gene Granger**  
Equipment Manager



**Kevin White**  
Men's Basketball Academic  
Counselor



**Dave Plettl**  
Strength Coach



After working as a graduate assistant with Seminole Athletics, Sam Lunt left for stints with the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL and the University of Louisville. He returned to FSU in 1986, where he now serves as the head trainer for men's basketball.



**Gibson Pierre**  
Graduate Assistant Coach

White worked as a graduate assistant at James Madison in the Office of Academic Development for the student-athletes during the 1991-92 academic year. He was then promoted to a full-time position in the Spring of 1992. White worked there for four years before coming to Florida State.

White is a member of the Black Coaches Association and the National Association of Academic Advisors. White also works with the Seminole tennis and track and field programs.

## Dave Plettl

### Strength Coach

### Colorado '91

Strength coach Dave Plettl, who is in his first year on the Florida State strength and conditioning staff, individ-

ually customizes programs for each of the athletes beginning with pre-conditioning before the season gets underway.

Plettl, a native of Bailey, Colo., is a 1991 graduate of the University of Colorado, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in political science and history. He comes to Florida State from the University of Texas where he served the past two years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the football, men's tennis, women's golf and rowing programs.

While at Colorado, Plettl worked as a student assistant athletic trainer his first year and then moved to the strength and conditioning staff in 1987 where he spent the next 10 years. Plettl was a student assistant/graduate assistant from 1987-92, the interim

coach from 1992-93 and associate strength and conditioning coach from 1993-97. He worked primarily with the football, men's basketball, volleyball and soccer programs at Colorado.

Plettl, who is a certified Level II specialist in sports conditioning, works with both the men's and women's basketball programs at Florida State. He is married to the former Christa Miller. The couple is expecting their first child in April.

Front row (L to R) Scott Taylor, Chad Paskiewicz, Anthony Williams. Top row (L to R) Seth Rubin, Mike Murray, Head Coach Steve Robinson, Mindy Gilbert, Mike Ryan.



**Yulonda Wilson**  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Head Coach

**Melissa Beasley**  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Assistant Coaches

**Melinda Gilbert**  
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