



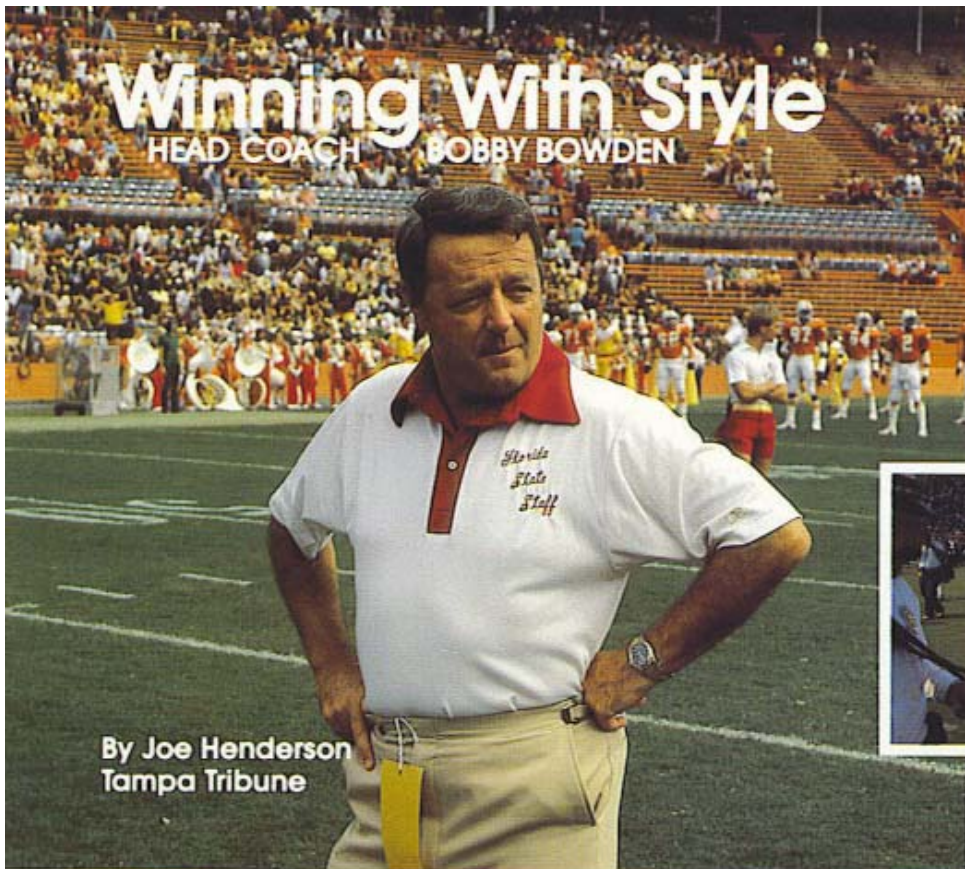
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The COACHES

Winning With Style

HEAD COACH BOBBY BOWDEN



By Joe Henderson
Tampa Tribune



Welcome to a very small club. Bowden is one of the few coaches ever to beat Ohio State twice in a row at their place.

Florida State football fans must have shuddered last October. Word came leaking out of Tuscaloosa, Ala., that the legendary Bear Bryant was pondering retirement. At the top of those mentioned as his successor: Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden.

Not to worry.

"No, I think I'll stay right here," Bowden told a reporter as he stood between the twin practice fields at Florida State. "This is the best situation in the country as far as I'm concerned."

Bobby Bowden isn't going anywhere, unless Florida State goes with him.

It says something that Bowden would be sought to replace Bryant. It says more that he would turn it down with hardly a second thought. Indeed, Bowden squelched the talk before it hardly had a chance to surface. Bowden knows what he has at FSU, and vice versa.

Seminole fans would have you believe that the clouds parted one winter day back in 1976. This beam of light descended from on high, speaking a single word: Bowden.

Florida State fans remember it well. They were looking for a coach following successive seasons of 0-11, 1-10, 3-8. Bowden, at the time

the successful coach at West Virginia, was available. He tells the story of making his decision to leave after slipping on the ice one wintry day at Morgantown but, of course, it goes deeper than that. Instead, he saw at Florida State a chance to develop a program that could compete with the very best in the land. It was not a pipe dream.

In 1977, only his second season, Bowden coached the Seminoles to a 10-2 record. Two years later, they were 11-0 in the regular season and were ranked fourth in the nation, going to the Orange Bowl. There followed a 10-1 season that had FSU contending with Georgia for the national title on the final day of the season.

Last year, though, may have been his best accomplishment. Many figured Bowden would do well to coax a .500 season out of the young Seminoles, but those people had to be shocked. After nine weeks, FSU was 8-1, ranked 8th in the nation, and was playing LSU for the right to go to the Orange Bowl. The Seminoles eventually settled for a nationally televised rout of West Virginia in the Gator Bowl, a 9-3 season and a No. 10 national ranking.

Bowden has become legendary in Florida—indeed, in the entire South.

The Seminoles play a daring, aggressive game that defies convention. In a tie game at Southern Miss early last year, with only five minutes remaining, Bowden ordered a fake field goal when three points would have worked neatly. The fake caught everyone by surprise; touchdown! FSU won and Bowden shrugged.

"It was there all along," he deadpanned.

At Ohio State, with nearly 90,000 hostile watchers, the Seminoles were

down seven points. Bowden got it back by ordering a halfback pass, with quarterback Kelly Lowrey on the receiving end. It keyed FSU's second straight win in Columbus.

"They were in man coverage and who doesn't get covered there? The quarterback," Bowden explained. Again, what did you expect?

It is little wonder, then, that Florida State officials have had to expand Doak Campbell Stadium several times during Bowden's seven-year tenure. Saturday nights in Tallahassee are something special and it's largely a testament to the happy mastermind prowling the FSU sideline in search of the unexpected.

Who, indeed, is this guy?

He was born in Birmingham, Ala., which may have been part of the reason for the Bowden-to-Alabama rumors. He began his head coaching career at Samford, in Birmingham, and was 31-6 over four seasons.

He later moved to West Virginia, where he led the Mountaineers to a 42-26 record over six years and two Peach Bowl appearances.

Before his head coaching career though, he had been assistant at FSU on the Bill Peterson teams in the early '60s. He also served as an assistant at West Virginia.

The background served him well in his preparation to be a head coach. He had the solid teaching

background necessary to head a program on a major college level and he had an opportunity to learn the off-field duties so vital to the success of any program.

His on-field philosophy is simple. "I believe in blocking and tackling," he said. "Everything else in this game is irrelevant."

But as a head coach, he often must leave the block-and-tackle instruction to others, concentrating on presenting a positive image in public while making sure the football program moves smoothly and in accordance with his philosophy.

"A head coach on the major college level is really just like the head of a corporation," Bowden has said. If that is true, Bowden has managed to keep the Seminole corporation one of the homiest and friendliest in the land.

He has the gift of making those in his presence feel important, as if, for the moment, they are the only people in the world. He has the humor to lighten any situation, the solemnity to signal the call that it's time to work. He can speak in evangelical revival tones when it's called for, can have you laughing and gasping for air when it's not. Football is, after all, a game to be enjoyed. It's also his line of work, his vocation. He has no trouble keeping the balance that puts it all in perspective.

Early this season, Bowden will become the all-time win leader among Seminole coaches; he needs just four victories. In his seven seasons at FSU, he is 59-22, an average of nearly nine wins per season. That's one of the reasons his name is mentioned nearly every time a major coaching opening occurs.

But just like he did last October, he'll keep turning them down. He committed himself to FSU in 1979 with a five-year, automatically renewing contract. He cannot leave without paying Florida State for the time remaining on the contract.

"It means we're married and nobody's going to put our marriage asunder," Bowden said. "I don't want to go anywhere. I wanted to stay here."

Of course he does. Anyone who knows Bowden could not deny that. After all, the man is much more than just a successful football coach.

He is a devoted family man who, with his wife, Ann, has raised six children, three of whom played for

Bowden Record

Samford				
	W	L	T	PCT.
1959	9	1	0	.900
1960	8	1	0	.889
1961	7	2	0	.778
1962	7	2	0	.778
Totals	31	6	0	.838

West Virginia				
	W	L	T	PCT.
1970	8	3	0	.727
1971	7	4	0	.636
1972*	8	4	0	.667
1973	6	5	0	.545
1974	4	7	0	.364
1975*	9	3	0	.750
Totals	42	26	0	.618

Florida State				
	W	L	T	PCT.
1976	5	6	0	.455
1977**	10	2	0	.833
1978	8	3	0	.727
1979***	11	1	0	.917
1980***	10	2	0	.833
1981	6	5	0	.545
1982****	9	3	0	.750
Totals	59	22	0	.728

***Orange Bowl
****Gator Bowl
*Peach Bowl
**Tangerine Bowl

Career Totals 132 54 0 .709

his football teams. They also have five grandchildren.

He is also a religious man, much in demand throughout the South as a speaker in churches. He wears his Christianity with an easy grace, leaving no doubt where he stands without forcing his ways on others. "Sometimes, no matter how hard I try, I slip," he said. "Christians aren't perfect but a lot of people don't understand that."

And then there's golf, his get-away-from-it-all release. On the banquet trail of booster gatherings, Bowden will get his game into the 70s. That's a time of year, he confesses, that he loves as much as any.

Bowden has taught Florida State, indeed, all of college football, that it's possible to win and do it with style. There is no armed-camp mentality surrounding Seminole football; things are open, things are easy. Bowden is "Coach" or "Sir" to his players, "Bobby" to his boosters and "The Tallahassee Rascal" to those who must oppose him. In Tallahassee, they speak now of the years B.B.—Before Bowden. To Florida State backers, that seems, thankfully, long ago and in a galaxy far, far away.

There remains just one challenge for Bowden—a national championship. The Seminoles have come close a couple of times but the quest remains. Not many schools can even ponder such a chase but Bowden has maneuvered FSU into a position where such talk won't bring out the men in white coats.

That probably says more about what Bowden has done at Florida State than anything else. And it's why FSU knows, and values, its treasure that prowls the sidelines.

Tampa Tribune Collegian Editor Joe Henderson is a veteran of nine years on that newspaper's sports staff. While Henderson will be in his third season on the Florida State beat this fall, the Tribune has staffed every Seminole game since football's inception in 1947.

Bits on Bowden

BORN:	Nov. 8, 1929 in Birmingham, Ala.
HIGH SCHOOL:	Woodlawn High School, Birmingham, Ala.
COLLEGE:	Howard University (now Samford) '53
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HONORS:	Little All-American at quarterback
GRADUATE DEGREE:	Peabody College
FAMILY:	Married to Julia Ann Estock Children: Robin, Steve, Tommy, Terry, Ginger, Jeff
AT FSU:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 59-22 in 7 years after inheriting a team that was 4-29 the three previous years • Four bowl appearances in 7 seasons • Back-to-back Orange Bowl appearances when FSU had never been to a New Year's Day Bowl • Three times ranked in the top Ten • Second place in both wire services at the conclusion of the 1980 regular season • Three times in 7 years his teams have won 10 or more games • Twice named National Coach of the Year: ABC-TV and Chevrolet in 1979 and the Bobby Dodd Award in 1980 • Twice named Southeastern Independent Coach of the Year by Associated Press • Four victories away from becoming FSU's all-time winningest coach.

ASSISTANT COACHES



One hundred ten years of college coaching experience: A select group of assistant coaches, each hand-picked by Bowden, is responsible for much of FSU success.



CHUCK AMATO
North Carolina State '59
Defensive Line
Second Season on Staff

Chuck Amato returns to the Florida State staff for his second season as defensive line coach.

He arrived at Florida State in 1982 from Arizona where he had coached the Wildcat linebackers for two seasons. Prior to his assignment at Arizona, Amato has served all his coaching time at North Carolina State.

He first joined the N.C. State staff in 1968 as student assistant coach under current Florida State defensive coordinator Jack Stanton. His full-time coaching tenure began in 1971 and in 1974, he took over Stanton's defensive secondary responsibilities when Stanton first moved to the FSU staff. Two years later, Amato was promoted to the defensive coordinator position which he held until his move to Arizona. During his years at N.C. State, Amato served under three head coaches—Al Michaels, Lou Holtz and the late Bo Rein.

The Easton, Pa. native earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina State. While with the Wolfpack as an undergraduate, he was a three-year letterman in football and wrestling. In wrestling, he went undefeated in dual matches and was the Atlantic Coast Conference champion twice.

At Florida State, Amato has been instrumental in the development of Alphonso Carreker, who has been listed by many as one of the nation's premier tackles.

Chuck and his wife, Peggy, are the parents of twin daughters.



JOHN EASON
Florida A&M '69
Receivers
Third Season on Staff

John Eason is in his third season as the receiver coach for the Garnet and Gold.

He came to Florida State from Tallahassee's Lincoln High School where he had been assistant principal for student affairs for two years. Previously, he was an assistant football coach at Leon High School between 1973 and 1979, handling the offensive line and offensive coordinator duties.

Eason was a receiver and punter for cross town Florida A&M between 1963 and 1967. He was the Rattler's MVP in both 1966 and 1967 and won All-American accolades in each of those seasons. Following his senior season, he was invited to play in the Blue-Gray and Coaches All-American games.

Eason played two years with the Oakland Raiders and then took a post as assistant football coach at Ocala Vanguard High School for the next two years. In 1972, he returned to professional football and played a season with the Montreal Allouettes of the Canadian Football League.

At Florida State, Eason coaches one of the squad's most talented groups. In Tony Johnson, Weegie Thompson, Jessie Hester and Hassan Jones, Eason may have one of the premier receiving foursomes in the country.

The Ocala, Fla. native holds a 1969 bachelor's degree from Florida A&M and received his master's degree, also from A&M, in 1974.

He is married to the former Dorothy Speed.



JIM GLADDEN
 William Jewell '62
 Outside Linebackers
 Eighth Season on Staff

Jim Gladden has been a member of Bobby Bowden's full-time coaching staff since 1976. He came to the Tribe in

1975 as a graduate assistant and was promoted to full-time duty a year later.

Gladden has tutored the outside linebackers since his arrival on the FSU campus. His most famous pupil has been Willie Jones, a 1979 second round draft choice of the Oakland Raiders who played on the Raider's 1980 Super Bowl squad.

Gladden is regarded as one of the most ardent recruiters on the Florida State staff. His Midwest and central Florida signings over the previous two years have resulted in FSU getting some of the most sought-after prep players in the country.

Jim spent 15 years coaching in the high school ranks before coming to Tallahassee. After graduation from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., where he was tabbed an all-conference end, Gladden spent three years coaching in Kansas City and St. Louis high schools. His next stops came in Kentucky, where he was named High School Coach of the Year in 1970, and in Tennessee where he coached in 1972, before taking over the Brooksville (Fla.) High School program for two years.

The Springfield, Mo. native's first coaching assignment with the Seminoles found him in charge of the junior varsity program. He still schedules junior varsity games in addition to his assignments with the outside linebackers.

Jim and his wife, Patricia, have two children.



BOB HARBISON
 Indiana '48
 Offensive Line
 35th Season on Staff

Bob Harbison has spent over half of his life on the Florida State football staff. He has been a member of the coach-

ing staff for the last 35 years.

Most of those years were spent coaching the offensive linemen and his 1964 unit—tabbed the "Magnificent Seven"—is considered by many to have been Florida State's finest.

From 1979 until last spring, Harbison had taken on the role of administrative assistant to Bowden. He worked with officials organizations, grading each official's performance, and was also involved in producing Florida State's highlight film.

Harbison returned to the field in the spring to once again tutor the offensive linemen.

"Harbie" has been at Florida State all but two seasons since the football program was initiated in 1947. He has coached the offense and defense while working for Don Veller, Tom Nugent, Perry Moss, Bill Peterson, Larry Jones, Darrell Mudra and now Bowden.

A graduate of Indiana, Harbison played offensive end and defensive line for the late Bo McMillin and finished his collegiate career with a performance in the Blue-Gray game.

Bob and his wife, Jane, have three children.



MIKE KRUCZEK
 Boston College '75
 Quarterbacks
 Second Season on Staff

Mike Kruczek, in his second year of coaching following a professional quarterbacking career with the Pittsburgh

Steelers and Washington Redskins, holds the distinction of being the youngest member of the Bowden staff.

But Florida State's quarterback coach didn't coach like a rookie in 1982. Many credit him with adding a pro-dimension to FSU's passing offense, resulting in some impressive numbers. The FSU offense rolled up enough points and yardage to finish second in the nation in both categories.

Following a career at Boston College where he established himself as the NCAA career completion leader, Kruczek was drafted in the second round by the Steelers in 1976. He remained with Pittsburgh until 1980 when he was traded to the Redskins, where he played one season.

Kruczek's most memorable year as a pro came in his rookie season when he replaced an injured Terry Bradshaw as the Steeler quarterback. Mike led the Pittsburgh club to nine straight victories and a playoff berth, completing 51 of 85 passes for 758 yards. He was named to the NFL All-Rookie team that season and he wears Super Bowl rings from 1978 and 1979.

At Boston College, where he earned his bachelor's degree, Kruczek completed 225 of 337 passes for a 66.8 completion percentage. That percentage is still tops in the NCAA record books. Following his senior season, he was invited to play in the Coaches All-Star, Senior Bowl and Coaches All-American games. He also received the Harry Agganis Award which goes to the top senior in New England.

Prior to joining the FSU staff, the Washington, D.C. native had played against and for Bobby Bowden. While at B.C., Kruczek's teams frequently played Bowden's West Virginia teams. Bowden also coached Kruczek in the Coaches All-American game in Tampa.



GENE McDOWELL
Florida State '63
 Linebackers
15th Season on Staff

Gene McDowell, a former Florida State All-American linebacker, has spent the last 19 years coaching football.

He has served as the Seminole's linebacker coach for the past seven.

McDowell has coached at FSU longer than any member of the current coaching staff with the exception of Bob Harbison, who left the field in 1979 to become an administrative assistant.

A native of nearby Quincy, Fla., McDowell has experience in the high school, military and collegiate ranks. He began his career shortly after graduation from FSU in 1963, serving as head coach of the Army Ranger military team.

McDowell returned to Florida State after his 1965 Army discharge. He was first a graduate assistant and then head coach of the frosh team for two seasons. Gene directed the Seminole recruiting efforts during the 1968 and 1969 seasons for then-coach Bill Peterson.

In 1970, McDowell moved to Kansas State where he spent four seasons as receiver and defensive end coach for Florida State graduate Vince Gibson.

Gene returned to his alma mater once again in 1974 to coach the defensive ends. He was assigned to the linebacker corps when Bobby Bowden became head coach in 1976.

McDowell lettered three years for FSU and was selected to the Associated Press third team All-America squad following his senior season.

He is married to the former Peggy Lawson and they have a son.



WAYNE McDUFFIE
Florida State '68
 Offensive Coordinator/
 Offensive Line
First Year on Staff

The new face on the Seminole football staff belongs to Wayne McDuffie, a former Seminole player and coach.

McDuffie joined the Bowden staff after spending 1982 with the Atlanta Falcons as offensive line coach. Previously, he had been at Georgia for five years where his offensive line paved the way for Herschel Walker's sensational freshman and sophomore seasons. It also helped the Bulldogs to a national championship in 1980.

During his career at Florida State, McDuffie played three positions—defensive end, center and offensive guard—while Tribe teams participated in three bowl games.

Following two years (1969–70) as a player in the Continental Football League, McDuffie returned to FSU as a graduate assistant coach in 1971. A year

later he accepted the position of head freshman coach and full-time offensive line duties were added in 1973.

McDuffie left Florida State in 1974 to become offensive line coach at New Mexico, marking the end of a 10-year stay in Tallahassee that was interrupted just by his two seasons as a player in the CFL.

After a year at New Mexico, McDuffie moved to Oklahoma State where in two years he helped the Cowboys to a rare Big Eight Conference championship in 1976. He left OSU following that season to join Vince Dooley's staff at Georgia.

A native of Hawkinsville, Ga., McDuffie received his bachelor's degree from FSU in 1968 and a master's degree in 1971.

Wayne and his wife Toni, a former FSU cheerleader, have three children.



BILLY SEXTON
Florida State '74
 Running Backs
Seventh Season on Staff

Billy Sexton, a former Florida State quarterback, is in his seventh season with the Seminole football staff.

Sexton's new duties have him in charge of the running game after two campaigns as Florida State's head junior varsity coach. He had also been handling scouting assignments for coach Bobby Bowden.

Sexton is one of three FSU coaches who earned their bachelor's degrees from Florida State. After graduation in 1974, Sexton coached at Tallahassee Leon High School where he had been a prep star. He was with the Lions three years and worked mainly with the offense.

Sexton returned to Florida State in 1976 as a graduate assistant and tutored the tight ends. He later worked with the quarterbacks for three seasons.

Sexton played one year of football for Florida State before picking up his business degree. He played his first three years at Alabama, where he was a back-up quarterback, before electing to transfer. After arriving at Florida State, he was a starter for the opening half of the 1973 season.

Sexton and his wife, Joy, have a daughter.



JACK STANTON
North Carolina State '61
 Defensive Coordinator/
 Defensive Backs
Eighth Season on Staff

Jack Stanton has been in charge of Florida State's defensive strategy for the last eight seasons. In addition to

serving as defensive coordinator, Jack coaches the defensive backfield.

Stanton's best defense at Florida State was the 1980 Orange Bowl squad that gave up the fewest points in

the nation that year. The defense was directly responsible for several Tribe victories, including an 18-14 upset at Nebraska.

Since then, Stanton, who is known as a "detail" man, has set about rebuilding that defense. Last year, the unit gelled against Miami. Twice on fourth down and one, it pinned Miami ball carriers for no gain to turn the ball over to the Tribe offense. The defensive secondary played well all year, getting 24 interceptions and falling just one short of the school record.

Stanton, a native of Carnegie, Pa., began his coaching career in the high school ranks as an assistant in Louisville, Ky. and Wheeling, W. Va., and later was head coach at Bishop Ireton in Alexandria, Va. He soon moved to George Washington University for one season before returning to his alma mater, North Carolina State, for the next five years.

In 1974, Jack accepted the post of defensive backfield coach at Florida State. He stayed one season and then joined Bill Dooley on the North Carolina staff before returning to Florida State in 1976 as Bobby Bowden's defensive coordinator.

Jack and his wife, Ruth, are the parents of four children.



DON FAULS
Ithaca '48

Head Trainer
26th Season on Staff

Don Fauls, without question, is the most popular person associated with the Florida State athletic program. Fauls

has been a friend and confidant of Seminole athletes since 1954 when he first was named head trainer.

Affectionately known as "Rooster", Fauls has been treating Seminole athletes for 26 years. In early 1970, he left the Florida State campus for better than three years, but he returned to the Garnet and Gold training room in 1974. Only administrative assistant Bob Harbison has been associated with Florida State football longer than Fauls.

Fauls continues to treat former athletes who may pick up the phone and seek his medical advice. Actor Burt Reynolds is most famous for this—one New Year's Eve Fauls was called to Reynolds' Jupiter, Fla. home to administer an old knee injury that acted up while Reynolds was performing in a one-man show.

A native of Ithaca, N.Y., Fauls came to Florida State after serving as trainer for several professional baseball teams. He has worked as a trainer for the U.S. Pan American team and was a member of the Olympic Trainer's Selection Committee. He also served as assistant baseball coach at FSU for eight years.

Fauls is not only respected for his own abilities as a trainer, but also as a teacher. One such student is Bill Ziegler, the head trainer of the Texas Rangers. Many other Fauls-trained students now occupy head training positions at the collegiate level.

Fauls, who was inducted into the National Athletic

Trainers Hall of Fame in 1981, is a 1948 graduate of Ithaca College where he lettered in baseball and basketball.

He and his wife, Marguerite, have three children.



FRANK DeBORD

Virginia Tech '42
Equipment Manager
15th Season on Staff

Without equipment manager Frank DeBord, Florida State's football team would never get on the field.

One of the most unheralded members of the Seminole staff, DeBord is responsible for the supervision of the football gear and the practice fields in addition to the team facilities in the new Florida State athletic complex. He also directs the transfer of all equipment and baggage when the Tribe plays away from Doak Campbell Stadium.

A native of Marion, Va., DeBord has been a member of the Seminole athletic staff for the last 14 years. He accepted the head equipment post in 1970 after one season as assistant equipment manager.

DeBord graduated from Virginia Tech in 1942 where he lettered three times in football and wrestling. Following graduation, he served as assistant football coach then head coach at Franklin (Va.) High School. He also played two years with the Norfolk Neptunes of the Continental League.

Frank and his wife, Marian, have three children.



RANDY ORAVETZ

Florida State '79
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Fourth Season on Staff

Randy Oravetz is in his fourth season as assistant athletic trainer to Don Fauls.

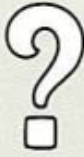
He received his bachelor's degree from Florida State and was a member of the student training staff for four years prior to his joining the full-time staff.

He worked exclusively with the baseball team for two seasons.

Oravetz, who started as a student trainer at the University of Tampa until that school dropped its football program in 1975, has traveled with football, baseball and soccer teams and has also worked with basketball, track, swimming and tennis athletes. His responsibilities as a student trainer at FSU included the care of injured athletes, maintaining and supplying the training room and keeping the athletic department medical records.

He also served as an assistant trainer for the Florida College all-star football game and for the Lions American Bowl.

Randy, a native of Tampa, Fla., is married to the former Linda Stoffel. They have one child, a son.



Ever wonder how many Seminole assistant coaches have gone on to head coaching jobs at other colleges or universities? Probably the best known of these is Florida State's own current head coach, Bobby Bowden. A Tribe assistant coach from 1963-65 under Bill Peterson, Bowden left Florida State to become an assistant coach at West Virginia. He later ascended to the head coaching spot at WVU, where he ran up an impressive 42-26 record in six seasons at the Mountaineer helm. Bowden left West Virginia in 1975 to return to Florida State as head football coach.

Other Seminole assistant coaches who have moved on to head coaching jobs include: (bold face type indicates those still active)

- Lee Corso—Indiana University
- Don James—University of Washington**
- Vince Gibson—Tulane, Louisville, Kansas State
- Joe Avezano—Oregon State**
- Al Conover—Rice
- John Coatta—Wisconsin
- Bill Parcels—Air Force Academy
- Terry Bowden—Salem College**

In addition, three former FSU assistants landed head coaching jobs in the professional ranks. They are:

- Dan Henning—Atlanta Falcons**
- Joe Gibbs—Washington Redskins**
- Bill Parcels—New York Giants**



Dana Martin
Graduate Assistant



Jimmy Calloway
Equipment



Dr. Doug Henderson
Team Physician



Dr. Tom Haney
Team Physician



Dr. Emory Cain
Team Dentist



Sgt. Billy Smith
Team Security



Charlie Durbin
Cinematographer

