

Lady Seminoles open

New coach Diane Murphy takes her young but aggressive Lady Seminole basketball team on the road this week for a pair of games that will open the 1976-77 campaign.

Florida State will travel to Albany, Ga., for a game with Albany State tonight before moving on the Macon for a contest with nationally ranked powerhouse Mercer. Tonight's game is set for 7 o'clock with Wednesday's matchup against the Teddy Bears set for 6 p.m.

"We're going to know pretty quick just what kind of team we're going to have this year," said Murphy, who comes to Florida State after three years at the helm of Shorter College. "We're very young this year and inexperienced and that will hurt us. But I can guarantee you that we'll be exciting."

The Lady Seminoles go into the 1976 campaign with only three returnees from last year's club and all of those are sophomores. The club has one junior college transfer and one junior walkon with the rest of the team comprised of freshmen.

"I plan to use a lot of our freshmen early to give them some playing time," said Murphy, who replaced Millie Usher as the Lady Seminole head coach. "When you're as young as we are you can expect some mistakes, but we're going to try to eliminate those as quickly as possible."

In the starting lineup for the opener at Albany State will be point-guard Shirley Silsby and wings Chris Brokas and Cheryl Weigand — all returning from last season. Newcomers in the lineup will be sophomore Patty Pink and freshman Vicki Lynn Alexander.