

In contrast to the University of Miami, which dropped all track competition three years ago, Florida State University is expanding its program. The Seminole women's track team made its debut Saturday at the Richmond-Perrine track meet at Miami-Dade Junior College South.

The coach on the team is Dr. Frances Hall, who conducts a track and field theory class at Florida State. "Some of the girls in my classes were interested in actual competition as well as theory," said Dr. Hall, "so I told them I would see what I could do to help them."

The team is small, consisting of seven regular competitors, but it already has a star. Lee Ann Wojtkowski, a shot putter, placed third in the National AAU meet this year.

Raising money for traveling expenses, the reason UM decided to terminate its program, is not easy for the Seminoles, but they have been successful enough to have garnet and gold uniforms on order and a trip to San Marcos, Tex., scheduled in May for the women's nationals.

"The student government at FSU made special allocations for us this year," said Dr. Hall, "but next year we hope to have a regular budget to work from. Our main problem right now is finding competition — that's why we have to travel 1,000 miles round trip just to get in a meet like this. They just don't have any sort of program in Tallahassee like they have down here."

Did the girl tracksters have trouble breaking into a male-dominated field. "No," said Dr. Hall. "Everybody has been more than cooperative toward us. Our men's track team doesn't seem to mind us at all — they let us use the track whenever we need to practice. Matter of fact, they seem to like having us around."

"But Dr. Hall put through some scientific tests and assured me I would gain too much weight. So I said OK and I'm glad I did. I'm about 5-7, 157 now. I'll lose about 20 pounds that when I quit."

Despite her success, Lee said she'll call it quits after this summer. "I'm sure gonna miss it . . ." she concluded. " . . . It'll really hurt my softball game. I can hit the ball a mile right now."

Lee threw the shot 41-1/2 feet Saturday to take first while teammate Avis Lathan won the high jump with a 4-foot leap. Joyce Tinker was double winner in the women's division with a 10-second clocking in the 100 and 250 yards in the 220. Other double winners were Yolande Bess (660 and long jump) in the midget division and Barbara Joyner (50 and 220) in the bantam division.

#### BANTAMS

50-Dash: Barbara Joyner (Northwest Striders) — 6.9, 220-Dash: Barbara Joyner (Northwest Striders) — 21.3, Long Jump: Susan Fedas (Roadrunners) — 17.0, 220-Relay: Northwest Striders — 21.0, Totals: Northwest Striders — 25, Richmond-Perrine Track Club — 18, Roadrunners — 9.

#### MIDGETS

50-Dash: Shirley Thomas (Richmond-Perrine) — 4.4, 220-Relay: Richmond-Perrine — 25.7, 440-Run: Pamela White (Run for Fun) — 1:13.3, 660-Run: Yolande Bess (Richmond-Perrine) — 1:52, 880-Run: Shirley Staley (Run for Fun) — 2:57.2, High Jump: Debbie Vitucci (Roadrunners) — 3-11, Long Jump: Yolande Bess (Richmond-Perrine) — 12-10 1/2, 440-Relay: Richmond-Perrine — 54.3, Totals: Richmond-Perrine Track Club — 40, Run for Fun — 19 1/2, Roadrunners — 14 1/2, Northwest Striders — 9.

#### JUNIORS

100-Dash: Doris Thomas (Richmond-Perrine) — 11.4, 220-Dash: Sandra Helzlsouer (Richmond-Perrine) — 27.7, 440-Run: Robin Downs (Run for Fun) — 1:33.7, 660-Run: Cindy LaBanc (Run for Fun) — 2:47.4, High Jump: Pam Fine (Roadrunners) — 4-0, Long Jump: Bonnie Morone (Northwest Striders) — 15-4, 440-Relay: Richmond-Perrine — 53.7, 880-Relay: Richmond-Perrine — 2:01.4, Totals: Richmond-Perrine — 37, Run for Fun — 27, Roadrunners — 17, Northwest Striders — 13.

#### WOMEN

100-Dash: Joyce Tinker (unattached) — 16.4, 220-Dash: Joyce Tinker (unattached) — 25.3, 440-Run: Duane Deriche (Richmond-Perrine) — 1:03.4, High Jump: Avis Lathan (FSU) — 4-9, Long Jump: Myrtle Long (Eau Gallie) — 15-11, Shot Put: Lee Wojtkowski (FSU) — 41-15, Totals: Richmond-Perrine — 11, FSU — 8, Eau Gallie — 8, Run for Fun — 4.