



# He's The Colonial Col

## who has propelled FSU back among the elite of college hoops,

taken them to three NCAA tournaments in five years, and achieved stunning recruiting successes. Now his team starts their first year of play in the rarified atmosphere of the Atlantic Coast Conference. You'd think the man would be satisfied. No way.

t's almost unfair for Florida
State. Already a national
football and baseball
power, Pat Kennedy has led
the Seminoles into the
upper echelon of the basketball world with the Metro
Conference championship

and the move to the ACC. They've got all that and they live in Florida too. Come on!" So said CBS play-by-play announcer Sean McDonough just prior to FSU's second round match-up against Indiana last year.

And the best is still ahead for the FSU program.

The Tribe has made three trips to the NCAA Tournament in the last four seasons and Kennedy has parlayed the on-court

success into recruiting classes worthy of national headlines. He has national television dates mixed into the new Atlantic Coast Conference schedule that will bring unprecedented exposure to the rising Florida State program.

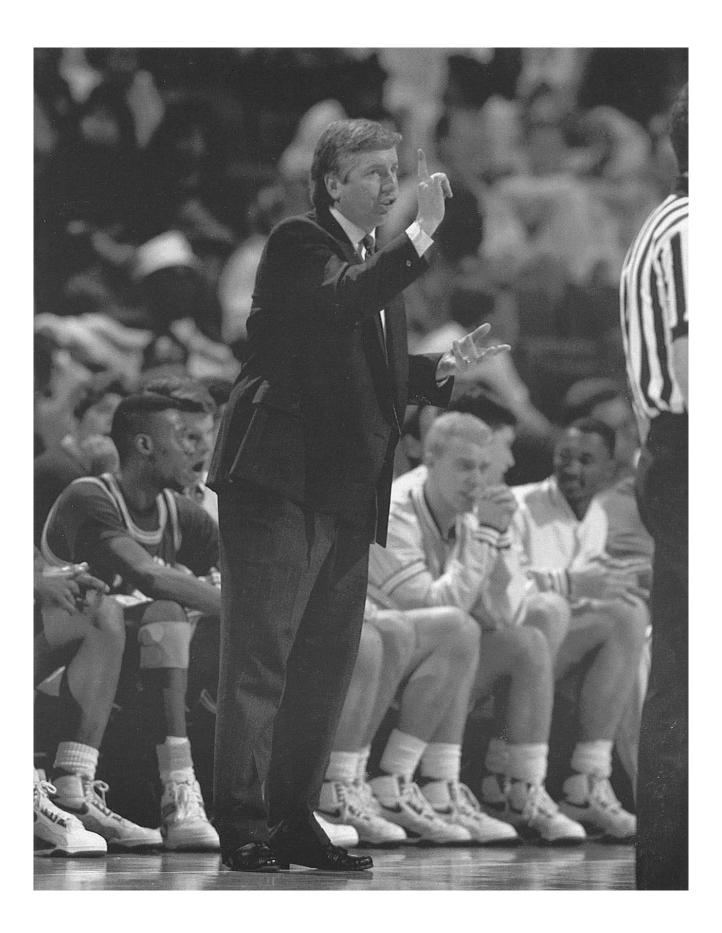
"It is a great time to be at Florida State," admitted Kennedy. "I asked people to believe when I came here. Not only to believe in myself and my staff, but to believe in our players and the potential of the program. They have done that and, quite frankly, some things have happened even faster then we had hoped."

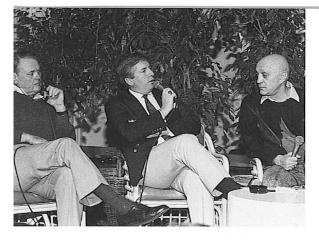
Kennedy spent his first five seasons at Florida State whipping a football-crazy Tallahassee into basketball shape. He used an exciting brand of basketball, top-notch

national schedule, and highly acclaimed recruiting classes to move the Seminole program into the nation's limelight. And, once there, took full advantage with his own charismatic style and the Seminole's coast-to-coast popularity.

"I'm a person with great ambition working for a University with great ambition," said Kennedy. "We have always been proud of our association with the Metro Conference and feel like our first ever Tournament title last year was a real achievement. But the move to the Atlantic Coast Conference will be a great plus for our program. It really elevates our entire athletic and academic programs to the nation's top level. It's just a great challenge."

And meeting challenges head-on has





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Kennedy has become one of the national media's favorite interviews. Here, Kennedy shares his views on a panel with ABC's Keith Jackson and UNIV head coach Jerry Tarkanian,

become a Pat Kennedy specialty.

Five years ago, Kennedy transplanted his family from a cozy situation at lona College in New York to Florida's capital city because of the potential he saw in the Seminole program. While the Tribe had done little since losing the national championship to UCLA in 1972, Kennedy had a gut feeling about FSU.

"Somehow I knew that the situation was right at Florida State," said Kennedy. "When I got here, the atmosphere was even better than I thought it would be. And since then, I have had attractive offers to leave and, again, I just felt that this was the right place. Good things were about to happen. And it just turns out my instincts have been right."

Keen instincts have gotten the 40-year-old Kennedy a long way in a short period of time, but it is his desire and determination that have propelled him to the top of his profession.

A more dramatic beginning could not have been written for the Kennedy era at Florida State as he opened the 1986-87 season against rival Florida in front of the largest crowd to ever witness a college game in the state. 13,300 looked on as Kennedy shouted, cheered, screamed, stomped, encouraged and inspired his underdog Seminole squad to a delirious 80-76 win over the nationally-ranked Gators. Kennedy has not looked back since.

His first season was a 19-11 effort, culminating in an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). The postseason appearance was FSU's first since the 1984 season and only the second in the 1980s.

With just one starter and three players who had ever donned the garnet and gold, Kennedy's 1987-88 team won 19 games, finished second in the Metro Conference and went to the NCAA Tournament. All this after opening the season to predicitions of a sub .500 season and conference cellar-dweller status.

But 1988-89 was proof of the basketball rebirth in Tallahassee.

Florida State entered the 1988-89 season ranked among the preseason top 20 for only the second time in school history. The Seminoles remained in the nation's elite poll throughout the entire regular season reaching a top ranking of seventh in the country after a landmark win over Louisville in Freedom Hall.

Kennedy's third effort as FSU coach also resulted in the school's second ever regular season Metro Conference title, a 22-8 record, and a second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. The back-toback NCAA appearances occurred just one other time in school history.

Last year, the Seminoles cleared the final hurdle in the last year of their association with the Metro Conference. Never had the school won the tournament crown and the issue had become a focal point to conference writers. But the Tribe ended that jinx with a stunning comeback against Louisville that gave FSU it's first-ever Metro Tournament Championship and an automatic bid to their third NCAA tournament in the last four years

Kennedy has the loyolty of Seminole basketball fans who had grown complacent. Florida State drew over 100,000 fans for the first time ever during Kennedy's first season and each year another attendance record falls. However, the Tribes entrance into the ACC seems to have solved any attendance problems in Tallahassee. When season tickets went on sale for this season there was a run like never before in Seminole basketball history and ticket sales are well beyond a record pace. The question now around FSU is how can I get a basketball ticket.

Kennedy is driven to obsession in accomplishing his coaching goals. Month after month, Kennedy can be found criss-crossing the South for speaking engagements, recruiting visits, charity appearances and booster meetings. No one works harder to make Florida State basketball a national name than Kennedy, and his attitude for hard work and not missing a beat, has made him one of the most successful coaches in the nation.

A native of Keyport, NJ, Kennedy attended Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on a basketball scholarship. After two years as a player, Kennedy was boarding the team bus for a game at the Palestra in Philadelphia, when his coach grabbed his arm and stopped him. "Pat," Kennedy said in his best imitation of his coach's tone, "I'd like for you to scout our next opponent tonight. Here's a ticket and directions."

With that, Kennedy's career changed completely. He became head junior varsity coach, finishing the



Demanding both concentration and execution, Kennedy is as intense during a game as he asks his players to be.

year with a 17-4 record. He was elevated to the school's top varsity assistant coach as a senior.

After graduating in 1975, Kennedy was named assistant coach at Lehigh University. In 1977, Iona head coach Jim Valvano asked Kennedy to join his staff and a long-time friendship between the two was born. When North Carolina State lured Valvano away from the New Rochelle, NY school after the 1979-80 season, Iona wasted little time in naming Kennedy to the post.

While at Iona, Kennedy's teams defeated some of the nation's top programs and coaches including Eldon Miller's Ohio State team, Jerry Tarkanian's UNLV Rebels and Bobby Cremin's Georgia Tech squad.

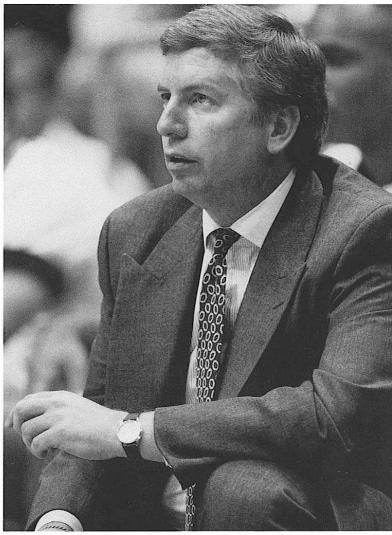
A 23-8 record in 1984 led to Kennedy's selection as the New York Metro Area Coach of the Year as well as Mid-Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year. He followed the year with a 26-5 record and was the recipient of the Heineken Award which recognized excellence in college coaching. Kennedy followed Valvano, Lou Carnesseca and Dean Smith as winners of the prestigious award.

Overall, the Kennedy record shows eight postseason appearances, five of those in the NCAA tournament, and six conference championships in 10 years of coaching. Kennedy became only the fourth Division I coach in NCAA history to win 100 games in his first five years of coaching.

A high level of achievement, both in academic and athletic arenas made Kennedy an easy choice when Florida State began looking for a head coach following the 1985-86 season. "We were impressed with Coach Kennedy's commitment to a well-rounded program and his desire to develop our players emotionally, academically and athletically," said FSU president Dr. Bernard F. Sliger upon presenting the Seminole's fifth head coach.

The confidence the selection committee displayed in Kennedy comes from its belief it had hired not only an outstanding coach, but a man who understands education should come first to the student athlete.

Kennedy's academic commitment is strong. Over 95 percent of his recruits at Iona graduated — a fact recognized by *USA Today* newapaper, which cited Iona College and Kennedy's program for one of the



Kennedy has been recognized in the press for his ability to adjust his systems to the personnel available. In his five years at Florida State, Kennedy has made all the right moves with a very diversified group.

most outstanding graduation rates in all of college athletics. His "no-bend" philosophy on academics has carried over to Florida State where he is raising the graduation rate and the scholastic health of his student-athletes.

Kennedy-coached student-athletes have enjoyed great success after their basketball careers were finished. Investment counselors on Wall Street, several law school students and numerous business leaders in Fortune 500 companies found their start in Kennedy's basketball programs. "A lot of coaches may pay lip service to academics and its importance," Kennedy said, "but our staff does something about it. If a guy wants to play basketball for us, he better also want to go to class and get a degree. Because that's what he should be here for. We tell our recruits that from day one."

Recruiting talented student athletes is a specialty of Kennedy's. His first class at Florida State was ranked among the five best in the country and the last four years have been among the top 25. His lona groups



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The Kennedy clan: Pat, Jeannie, Joseph and Kimberly.

were on the list of the top 15 classes in the East for five straight years and the 1980 class was ranked best in the East by Eastern Basketball magazine.

It is through recruiting Kennedy plans to lay ground work to keep FSU among the country's top teams. "The amount of great basketball talent that leaves this state every year is remarkable," he said. "Now that is changing. I think all the schools in the state have put a premium on keeping the talent in Florida. That is why whenever a great high school player is lacing up his shoes to play, we are going to have somebody in the stands watching him. There is still a lot of work to be done, but I believe Florida State is on the verge of something great."

Off the court and away from the recruiting trails, Kennedy is a man who has both a keen sense of public relations and a deep belief in becoming a part of his community. In addition to his youth camps, Kennedy

serves as the state's honorary chairman for the Special Olympics, a cause he and wife Jeannie have championed for several years. In 1984, he was named Special Olympics Man of the Year.

Kennedy also possesses a strong background in administration, serving five years in the dual role of head basketball coach and associate athletic director at Iona. He was president of the MAAC Coaches' Association since the league's inception and was a member of the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee for the Eastern region. The Executive Director of the Pat Kennedy Day Camps, one of the largest of its type in the nation, Kennedy is also a consultant to the Nike corporation.

Coach, educator, administrator, recruiter, community leader and family man; Pat Kennedy provides solid leadership for the Florida State basketball program.

## The Pat Kennedy Record

## As A Coach

- 221-116 record ranks 39th nationally for winningest active coaches
- · In 11 years of coaching, Kennedy has led teams to 5 NCAA and 3 NIT Tournaments
- · Led FSU to regular season Metro Conference crown
- · Led Iona to four conference championships (regular season) in six years
- · Only fourth coach in NCAA Division I history to win 100 games in first five years
- · Took FSU to back-to-back NCAA tournaments for the second time in school history
- · Led FSU to school's first-ever Metro Tournament championship
- · Has averaged 20.2 wins per season as a head coach
- · Has had several basketball articles published in newspapers and journals
- · Runs one of the top summer camps in
- · Has appeared as guest speaker and instructor at clinics and camps across the nation

Coached six players who have reached the NBA, including first round draft pick George McCloud

## As A Recruiter

- · First FSU recruiting class ranked among top five in the nation by most basketball magazines
- · First Iona recruiting class ranked #1 in Eastern Basketball magazine
- · Recruiting class ranked top 15 by Eastern Basketball five consecutive years at Iona
- · Successfully recruited many high school All-Americans, including FSU signees Douglas Edwards, Tharon Mayes, David White, Aubry Boyd and JC All-Americans Tony Dawson and Sam Cassell

### As An Educator

- 34 of 35 Iona signees graduated
- · 95% graduation rate at Iona cited by USA Today as one of top rates in the nation
- · Former players now work in law firms, with major corporations, Big 8 Accounting firms

· Five former players went on to earn their MBAs

#### As An Administrator

- · Six years experience as associate athletic director
- Served as president of MAAC Coaches Association since league's inception
- · Was voting member of NCAA Tournament Selection Committee
- · Member of Nike, MacGregor and Medalist speaker bureau
- · Consultant to Nike Corporation

#### As A Person

- · Recognized for work and support for Harlem Week in New York
- · Actively involved in Special Olympic Program, serving as chairman for state of Florida
- · 1984 Special Olympics Man of the Year award winner
- · Has given numerous free clinics for children and handicapped groups
- · Actively involved in community organizations, serving as guest speaker to many groups
- · Devoted family man



Florida State's coaching staff has been intact for the last three consecutive seasons. Kenny Williamson joined the FSU program prior to the 1989-90 season, while David Zimroth, Tom Carlson and Vince Cautero have been with the program since Pat Kennedy took over six years ago.

# David Zimroth

Assistant Coach, Florida State '78

Florida State head coach Pat Kennedy looked for a man five years ago to direct his recruiting that could bring in the caliber of player to take the Seminoles to the next level. After four recruiting classes ranked among the nation's top 20, a Metro Conference regular season and tournament championship, and three NCAA tournament appearances, David Zimroth has been the answer to the Seminoles' recruiting efforts.

A product of the state of Florida, Zimroth has coached at every level in his home state. His contact system within the state is extremely strong and in 1988 he landed "Mr. Basketball" Doug Edwards to go along with the previous two runners-up for the title. He also has had great success throughout the southeast, pulling in talent from Georgia and North Carolina as well as junior college stars Tony Dawson, Derrick Mitchell and Sam Cassell.

Zimroth's coaching experience began even before his graduation from Florida State in 1978. While still a student at FSU, he served as an assistant coach at nearby Florida High during the 1977-78 season.

After graduation, he returned to his alma mater, North Miami Beach High, where he coached for a year before

accepting a position at Miami-Dade North Junior College for two seasons. Zimroth left the junior college ranks in 1981 to join Hugh Durham's staff at the University of Georgia for the 1981-82 season. His next stop was back at Miami-Dade North where he served another two seasons. During his four years at the junior college level, Miami-Dade won 116 games and lost just 15. He recruited three players who were drafted in the first five rounds of the NBA draft.

In 1984, Zimroth was named head coach at Miami Beach High where he stayed for two years before coming to Florida State.

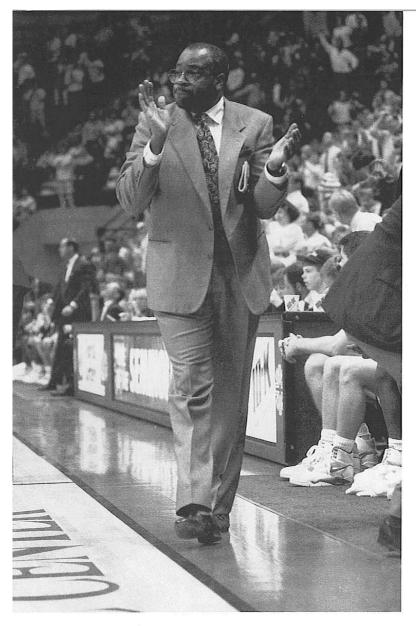
Zimroth has also worked an impressive number of clinics conducted by some of the top coaches in the collegiate game. Jim Valvano's N.C. State camps and those led by Georgia's Hugh Durham headline an impressive list. "Coach Z," as he is affectionately known by friends and fans, has also been heavily involved with the team Florida AAU program, which is traditionally one of the top AAU programs in the nation.

Graduated in 1974 from North Miami Beach High, Zimroth scored over 1800 points in his high school playing career. He received a basketball scholarship to Miami-Dade North Community College where he earned his Associate of Arts degree in 1976. Zimroth then transferred to FSU, graduating with a bachelor's in health education and minor in coaching in 1978. He has also completed work towards a master's degree.

Zimroth is 35 and is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Koch of Strongsville, Ohio.



**David Zimroth** 



Kenny Williamson is among the nation's most well-known assistant coaches. Past president of the Black Coaches Association, Williamson has worked with Kennedy for nearly 10 seasons.

# Kenny Williamson

**Assistant Coach, CCNY '76** 

Kenny Williamson begins his third season at Florida State after joining the Seminoles prior to the 1989-90 season.

While it is only Williamson's second year in Tallahassee, it is his ninth year of association with Pat Kennedy. The two worked together at Iona with Williamson serving as Kennedy's associate head coach for four of his seven seasons with the Gaels.

A former academic advisor at St. John's, Williamson was an assistant coach at Columbia before joining the lona staff. After leaving the New Rochelle, NY, school the 43-year-old Williamson served as an assistant at Louisville and

worked with the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association.

With close ties to the National Basketball Association as well as college basketball on several different levels, Williamson is among the most recognized and respected assistant coaches in the country.

Williamson's excellent reputation is well earned as recruiting classes at lona were regularly listed among the best in the East. The Gaels enjoyed unprecendented success during Kennedy and Williamson's time there and both developed recruiting in-roads in the basketball rich Northeast.

Williamson, one of the instrumental promoters of the Black Coaches Association, just finished serving as BCA president and remains on the executive board. Williamson is recognized as one of the more articulate voices of academic responsibility in athletics.

Williamson is married to the former L'Tanya Wheeler.

## Tom Carlson

Assistant Coach, Florida State '74

One of the most popular members of Florida State's athletic staff, Tom Carlson enters his sixth season as an assistant coach with the Seminole basketball program.

Carlson established a reputation as one of the state's top high school coaches while serving as head coach at Tallahassee's Maclay High for 11 years. He joined Pat Kennedy's Seminole staff prior to the 1986-87 season.

A native of West Keansburg, New Jersey, the 42-year-old Carlson's roots run deep in the capital city. From 1972-74, while still a student at Florida State, he served as an assistant coach at Tallahassee's Rickards High.

He received his undergraduate degree in physical education from FSU in 1974 and enrolled in graduate school, serving as a graduate assistant on Hugh Durham's 1974-75 FSU squad that finished the year with an 18-8 record. A "jack of all trades" that season, Carlson had responsibilities with scouting and conditioning, served as head junior varsity coach and was a teacher in the Florida State physical education department.

With a master's in physical education, Carlson took over the reigns at Maclay in 1976 and three years later led the team to the state high school basketball championship. For his efforts, he was recognized as the Coach of the Year by the Florida Athletic Coaches Association. Carlson also coached the golf team and served on the faculty at Maclay.

Carlson has also been a staple on the Seminole basketball camp scene having served on the staff every year since 1973.

"We've been so fortunate at Florida State to have the assistant coaches that could take the program to the next level. I really believe our staff is as strong as you'll find and that shows in our recruiting, game preparation and every aspect of the program."



An honor student at Florida State, Carlson served as a member and officer in the honor society for physical education majors and was vice president of the men's physical education majors club. He is currently a member of the Florida Coaches Association and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

Carlson and his wife Ann have three daughters; Erika (15), Brandy (9) and Kayce (6).

# Vince Cautero

**Volunteer Assistant, Florida State '88** 

Vince Cautero is the "old man" of the Seminole basketball coaching staff. His association with the program goes back some eight years, the last four as a member of the FSU coaching staff.

Cautero's duties, like his career at Florida State, will span all elements of the successful Seminole program. His primary responsibilities lie in the day-to-day coaching of the Seminoles in both practices and games. In addition, Cautero will oversee the academic progress of the athletes and help coordinate on campus recruiting official visits.

This is Cautero's second season as a volunteer assistant after serving as a graduate assistant over the past two seasons. Over the previous three years, he was a primary scout for the upcoming FSU games as well as coordinating the film exchange between schools.

Cautero served as head manager for the Seminole program for four years before earning a place on Pat Kennedy's coaching staff.

A 1988 Florida State graduate, Cautero majored in English and has completed work towards a master's degree.

A native of Mt. Arlington, NJ, Cautero graduated from Coral Springs High School in Coral Springs, FL, in 1983. Cautero and his wife Charlotte celebrated the birth of their daughter Gabriela Marie, on July 26 of 1991.



Kenny Williamson



Tom Carlson



Vince Cautero

Above — Outstanding coaching was one of the reasons Florida State's 1990-91 squad came together when most teams would have fallen apart. Left — Tom Carlson is

heavily involved in the Seminoles' pregame preparation. His ability to disect the opposition's systems makes him an invaluable staff member.





"At Florida State, we have dedicated ourselves to making each student-athlete the most well-rounded individual that he or she can be. Very few universities could compare to our level of excellence and expertise in our support system areas."

- Pat Kennedy





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# **Support Staff**



Mary O'Neal Basketball



Denise Austin Basketball Secretary



Mark Meleney **Academic Advisor** 



Nick Menacof Coordinator of Academic Support Programs



Ricky Slate Strength Assistant



Anthony Long Head Manager



Bruce Goin Student Coach

# Sam Lunt

Head Basketball Trainer, Miami '83

While Sam Lunt is beginning his eighth year of association with the Florida State athletic department, he begins his fourth as head basketball trainer.

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

As a graduate assistant at FSU, 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 Ft. Myers, Florida resident 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.

Lunt has also worked as a volunteer trainer at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, 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.

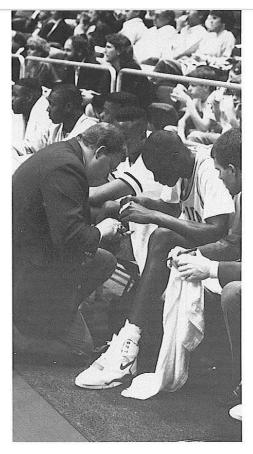
Lunt, 30, is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and is single.

# Gene Granger

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

A member of the Florida State athletic staff since 1971, Gene Granger begins his 13th year as head equipment manager for the Florida State basketball team. Granger's numerous duties include the ordering and daily distribution of all athletic equipment and uniforms. In addition, he serves as equipment manager for the baseball, track and tennis teams at Florida State.

A native of Dade City, Florida, Gene attended Bethune-Cookman College where he played varsity baseball 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.

Gene, 45, and his wife Alberta are the parents of two children; Apryl (15) and Gene Jr. (10).

# Dave Van Halanger

Strength Coach, West Virginia '76

Former state director for the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Dave Van Halanger is in his ninth year as strength coach for the Florida State athletic department. As head strength coach, Van Halanger heads up the entire conditioning program for all 16 varsity sports at FSI.1

Van Halanger arrived at Florida State in 1983, after serving in a similar capacity at West Virginia University from 1980 through June, 1983. Prior to that, he was a member of the WVU coaching staff – serving as head junior varsity coach in 1979.

A graduate of the WVU School of Physical Education, Van Halanger played and lettered four years in football under current Seminole head coach Bobby Bowden. An All-East and honorable mention All-American selection his senior season, Van Halanger was a co-captain of the Mountaineer team that won the Peach Bowl.

Currently a member of the National Board of Ethics for the National Football Coaches Association, Dave and his wife Michele are the parents of two daughters; Julie (10) and Danielle (5), and a boy Matthew (2). Left – Sam Lunt has been selected to some of the nation's top international competitions. Most recently, he traveled to Germany with the U.S. track teams.

Opposite Page Top — Nick Menacof coordinates the all-important academic services that are available to FSU athletes outside of the classroom. A host of tucors and special instructors are available to assist students in regularly scheduled study programs.

regularly scheduled study programs.
Opposite Page Bottom — A lot of people are behind Florida State's athletic program ensuring that it remains a model for intercollegiate programs across the country, While anxious moments on the court are common, FSU's support staff is available to help student athletes with any problems.



Sam Lunt



Gene Granger



Dave Van Halanger