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he secret's out. Bobby
Bowden, everybody's
best friend who also
happens to coach football at Florida State
University, was just as
stubborn and pugnacious as any other red-blooded American
child when he was growing up in Birmingham, Ala.

Yes, behind the smiling facade of college football's Mr. Congeniality, there lurks an obstinate person who is part-man, part-mule.

If you doubt it, just check with Sunset Pitts, Bowden's 77-year-old mother. She speaks only the truth.

"He didn't like to be told to do something that he didn't want to do," said Mrs. Pitts, reached at her home along the Coosa River in Childersberg, near Birmingham. "When he made up his mind he wanted to do something or didn't want to do something, you couldn't argue with him. He was stubborn."

According to dear ol' mom, young Bobby talked sister Marian into swapping chores with him because he preferred household duties to yard work; he had to be ordered to do his homework and passed most of his tests with little to spare; he walked out of church once when he was 15; and, at the age of 18, he informed his disappointed father he was going to coach and had no interest in working in the Bowden family's real estate business.

And, like any other kid, Bowden once threw his spinach on the floor rather than swallow the dreaded greens.

"I'll never forget that," Sunset Pitts said.
"I had gone outside and Bobby and his sister
were alone eating in the kitchen. I came back
in the house and was so proud of them
because they had both finished all their
food. Later on, I found his spinach on the
floor, right there he'd scraped it off his plate."

"I never made him eat it. I didn't think that was right. His father and I used to try and understand why he did the things he did rather than try to scold him too much. But he always had his own ideas about what he wanted to do."

While tattle-tales of Bowden's childhood do little to distinguish him from any other youngster, the years since have set him apart from the masses.

Bowden, 54, is a hybrid folk-hero.

Take the in-your-face boldness of Billy the Kid, the diligence of Johnny Appleseed, Blackbeard's attacking ability, the honesty of George Washington, the Rip Van Winkle-

Florida Times-Union sportswriter Pete Foley has covered the Seminoles for the 1982 and 1983 football seasons and he has once again been assigned to the Florida State beat this fall. like ability to cat-nap just hours before kickoff-you get a pretty good idea.

In the Florida Panhandle, he's as big as Paul Bunyan.

He is a colorful man, a blend of honesty and sincerity, mixed with wit, wisdom, warmth and—what really matters in a football coach—winning.

Successful coach, devoted husband of more than three decades, father of six children, avid churchgoer, gentleman, friend and enough sugar and sweetness to cause diabetes.

"I like to think I've always been this way," Bowden said. "But I'm sure I haven't. I guess I just like people."

And people like him, too. While there have been "Oust Faust," "Dump Dooley," "Bo Must Go" and "Dan's Not Divine" bumper stickers in other college towns, you won't find any buzzards circling the Bowden household—despite FSU falling far short of its lofty pre-season goal of a national championship last year. Folks in the Panhan-

card—at his alma mater, tiny Howard University (now Samford) in Birmingham, at FSU as an assistant to Bill Peterson, at WVU as an assistant and later head coach, and back again in Tallahassee.

At age 24, Bowden was a frustrated young assistant at Howard. Returning home one afternoon, he found a letter from South Georgia College president Dr. William Smith stating simply: "If you want to be head coach at South Georgia, phone me collect."

The answer was "yes," and Bowden took over the program at the two-year school in Douglas. That first year, he had 18 partial scholarships for his program, a \$4,500 annual salary with the agreement he would coach basketball, too. So the school would get its money's worth, Bowden also had to drive the team bus on road trips. Bowden was 22-11 over four seasons and won three state junior college championships.

Since going to FSU, Bowden has had many other offers, but he has spurned them all

# BOWDEN RECORD

	Sa	mford				Flor	ida S	tate		
	W	L	T	PCT		W	L		T	PCT
1959	9	1	0	.900	1976	5		6	0	.455
1960	8	1	0	.889	1977**	10		6 2	0	.833
1961	7	2	0	.778	1978	8		3	0	.727
1962	7	2	0	.778	1979***	11		1	0	.917
Totals	31	6	0	.838	1980***	10		2	0	.833
	West Virginia			1981	6		5	0	.545	
	w	Ľ	T	PCT	1982****	9		3	0	.750
1970	8	3	0	.727	1983"	/		5	0	.583
1971	7	4	0	.636	Totals	66	2	7	0	.710
1972*	8	4	0	.667	***Orange Bowl					
1973	6	5	0	.545	*Peach Bowl					
1974	4	7	0	.364						
1975*	9	3	0	.750	"Tangerin	e (Cit	rus) B	owl		
Totals	42	26	0	.618	Career Total	ls	139	59	0	.702

dle hamlet, a capital city of mammoth oaks dripping with Spanish moss, love their boy "Bobby," as he's simply known.

Small wonder.

In eight seasons since fleeing the snow and cold of Morgantown and West Virginia University (Bowden likes to tell the story of slipping on ice one morning and deciding then and there to seek refuge in Tallahassee) he has become the winningest football coach in Seminole history with a 66-27-0 record.

Although it was not as sharply evident in last year's 7-5 Seminole season, Bowden has kicked life into a dying FSU program, wasting little time in the process. The Seminoles had won just four of 33 games in the three seasons before Bowden rode into town. But after a 5-6 inaugural season in 1976, Bowden led FSU to a 10-2 record in 1977 and an 11-1 season in 1979, the only loss coming to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. But Bowden hasn't just turned FSU into a winner, he's logged an inordinate number of those victories in the bully bastions of South Bend, Lincoln, Columbus and Baton Rouge.

His fundamentalist ways have become a trademark wherever he's punched a timeThough his name topped the list of possible successors to Bear Bryant's throne at Alabama, he accepted the compliment, but declined any job interviews.

Two springs ago, the expansion Jacksonville Bulls of the United States Football League approached Bowden but, again, he declined.

"Florida State is the best situation in the country as far as I'm concerned," he said then. "I don't want to go anywhere. I want to stay here. I love it here. Florida State and its fans aren't spoiled yet."

Loyalty begets loyalty, and while FSU has rewarded Bowden by insuring his financial security, Bowden has agreed to make it tough on himself to ever leave the school. His five-year contract, automatically renews each season and, should he ever jump ship, Bowden has agreed to buy back the remaining portion of his contract.

"It means we are married, and nobody's going to put our marriage asunder," he said. And Bowden takes matters of marriage

quite seriously.

When he was 19 years old, he packed a lunch box, crossed state lines and eloped with high school sweetheart and cheerleader Ann Estock, only 16 at the time. The drive

# BITS ON BOWDEN

BORN: HIGH SCHOOL: COLLEGE: COLLEGE FOOTBALL HONORS: GRADUATE

Nov. 8, 1929 in Birmingham, Ala. Woodlawn High School, Birmingham, Ala. Howard University (now Samford) '53

Little All-American at quarterback

GRADUATE DEGREE: FAMILY:

Peabody College Married to Julia Ann Estock Children: Robin, Steve, Tommy, Terry, Ginger, Jeff

 66-27 in 8 years after inheriting a team that was 4-29 the three previous years

· Five bowl appearances in 8 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 8 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

. FSU's all-time winningest coach.

from Birmingham to Rising Fawn, Ga., took four hours and a full tank of gas. The justice of the peace took 10 minutes and \$20. Thirty-five years later, the Bowdens are happily married.

And Bowden seems happily married to the Seminole program as well,

"I can't imagine leaving here. I love FSU, and I want to continue coaching for as long as I feel I can be effective or until I find I can't take it physically anymore," he said. "When I feel I've become a drain on the program, I'll be happy to step aside and let someone else take over."

But Bowden's high-scoring, exciting brand of football—which tantalizes television and bowl-types alike—doesn't really tell *The Bobby Bowden Story*.

The people love Bowden because he is common folk.

Although he's busy beyond belief, he makes you feel as if you're the most important person on his busy list of interviews, speaking engagements, testimonials, etc.

The press loves Bowden because his colorful, sometimes-bumbled speech and incredible accessibility provide FSU fans with fun reading.

Win, lose or draw, Bowden is predictably professional in the post-game interview, ever willing to admit his own mistakes while giving the opposition its share of credit. He welcomes the media at all times, eats breakfast with them every Sunday morning after home games and knows names as well as faces. Bowden may be the only major-college football coach in America with a number in the telephone book, like everybody else.

A season with Bowden is a smorgasbord of vignettes, anecdotes, analogies and candid self-evaluation.

"We just outslopped the world," he said last year when his team made a season's worth of mistakes in just two quarters against South Carolina. "A moral victory to me is just like the 6-foot man drowning in 3 feet of water he's still dead," Bowden said last season.

While he has an uncommonly cooperative and pleasant relationship with sportscasters and sports writers throughout the South, that's not to say he has escaped a sometimesnasty press entirely. While at West Virginia, one local writer didn't care for Bowden and often referred to him as "Bobby Bow Down" after Mountaineers' losses. It was an ongoing antagonistic relationship that challenged even Bowden's patience.

"If I'd ever caught up to him alone, I might have killed him," Bowden said, laughing. "He might have been the only guy who's ever really tested me."

Bowden's priorities, in order, are: family, religion, football and golf; though, at times, he said he prefers small, surlyn-covered balls to those of the oblong, leather-covered variety. A solid 80ish golfer, Bowden is on the links most everyday during the off-season. He lives on Killearn Country Club (site of the Tallahassee Open, a PGA Tournament Players Series event), and has never met a man with a golf stick he didn't like.

And he's never met a chocolate bar he didn't love.

"Oooooooh boy, that's my weakness," he said.

With absolutely no designs on an athletic director's position ("I don't like bookwork"), Bowden has one goal left before he hangs up the whistle.

"I want to get this program to the point where people all over the country think of us with the Notre Dames, the Southern Cals, the Ohio States and the Michigans," he said. "Even if we aren't very good, I want people to think—based on past records—that we are good. I want to be ranked high in the preseason. I want people to think of FSU as a major power. I want to make this one of the strongest programs in America."

And, as Sunset Pitts will tell you, when Bobby Bowden wants something... #

# NATION'S TOP TWENTY FOOTBALL COACHES

(Entering the 1984 Season)

Coach	Alma Mater		College	Yrs	W	L	T	Pct
1. Barry Switzer	Arkansas	(1960)	Oklahoma	11	106	21	3	.827
2. Joe Paterno	Brown	(1950)	Penn State	18	170	38	2	.814
3. Tom Osborne	Hastings	(1959)	Nebraska	11	108	25	2	807
4. Bo Schembechler	Miami (0)	(1951)	Michigan	21	180	48	6	.782
5. LaVell Edwards	Utah State	(1952)	Brigham Young	12	105	37	1	.738
6. Dick Crum	Mt. Union	(1957)	North Carolina	10	84	30	2	.733
7. Vince Dooley	Auburn	(1954)	Georgia	20	161	60	7	.721
8. Bobby Bowden	Samford	(1953)	Florida State	18	139	59	0	.702
9. Earle Bruce	Ohio State	(1953)	Ohio State	12	93	47	0	.664
10. Lou Holtz	Kent State	(1959)	Minnesota	14	106	53	0	.662
11. Don James	Miami (F)	(1954)	Washington	13	98	51	1	.657
12. Bill Mallory	Miami (O)	(1957)	Indiana	14	99	52	1	.655
13. Don Nehlen	Bowling Green	(1958)	West Virginia	13	86	50	4	629
14. Bill Yoeman	Army	(1949)	Houston	22	148	86	8	.628
15. Darryl Rogers	Fresno State	(1956)	Arizona State	19	124	78	7	.6100
16. Jerry Claiborne	Kentucky	(1950)	Kentucky	22	144	91	7	.6095
17. Bill Dooley	Mississippi State	(1956)	Virginia Tech	17	109	80	2	.576
18. Johnny Majors	Tennessee	(1957)	Tennessee	16	101	78	4	563
19. Denny Stolz	Alma	(1955)	Bowling Green	16	90	70	2	562
20. Hayden Fry	Baylor	(1951)	Iowa	22	123	113	4	.521

ead coach Bobby
Bowden is easy to identify along the Garnet
and Gold sidelines...it's
the headphones that
usually give away the
head coach of the
Florida State Seminoles

But surrounding him are ten other very important people—Mickey Andrews, Chuck Amato, Art Baker, John Eason, Jim Gladden, Bob Harbison, Gene McDowell, Wayne McDuffie, Billy Sexton, and Dave Van Halanger—the nuts and bolts men of the coaching staff. Ranging in experience from three years to 35 years in the business, together they represent over 130 years of experience with collegians.

Some of these men are veterans of the Bowden years—those who joined the staff in 1976 when the era began. Others were on board B.B. (before Bowden) and a few have been added along the way.

Defensive coordinator and backfield coach Andrews as well as assistant head coach and quarterback coach Baker are the newest additions to the staff. The two have added 35 years of experience to the

Andrews has been handed the challenge of rebuilding the defense to the levels of the 1979 and 1980 seasons when it ranked as high as second in the country. "I want a defensive scheme simple enough that even I can understand it," quips Bowden, whose reputation is that of an offensive mind. "I was looking for the absolute best defensive secondary coach in the country and I firmly believe I found him."

Baker, who is actually a year older than Bowden, brings an outstanding offensive mind and a stabilizing influence to the program. "Art has been highly successful throughout his career and I felt I needed a man of his maturity and capabilities in our program," says Bowden.

The others on the staff have been through the good times of Seminole football—Orange Bowl appearances in 1979 and 1980 and Gator and Peach appearances in 1982 and 1983. "Everybody looks to the head coach, but these men are responsible for the success we've had here," says Bowden. "I wouldn't trade this group for any other in the country."

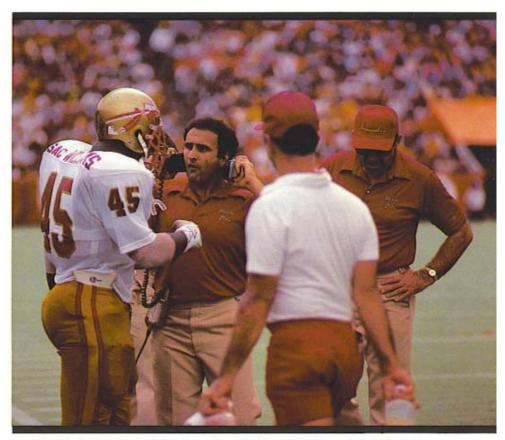
## Chuck Amato North Carolina State '59

Defensive Line Third Season on Staff

Chuck Amato has been Florida State's defensive line coach since 1982. He will have one of the Seminoles' most important tasks ahead of him in the 1984 season; it will be his job to rebuild the defensive line. Graduation took Alphonso Carreker, perhaps the best tackle in FSU history, to the professional ranks while several other seniors also used up their eligibility.

# Assistant Coaches

# 130 YEARS OF COLLEGE COACHING EXPERIENCE



Defensive line coach Chuck Amato may have the biggest challenge of all: finding a player to replace NFL first rounder Alphonso Carreker at tackle.

Ranging in tenure from three to thirty-five years in the business, the nuts-and-bolts men of the Bowden staff can call on more than a century of experience with the college game. Amato arrived at Florida State from Arizona where he had coached the Wildcat linebackers for two seasons. Prior to his assignment there, he had served all his coaching time at North Carolina State.

He first joined the N.C. State staff in 1968 as a student assistant coach under former Florida State defensive coordinator Jack Stanton (now with the Atlanta Falcons). Amato's full-time duty with the Wolfpack took effect



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in 1971 and in 1974, he was promoted to defensive coordinator, a position he held until his move to Arizona. During his years at N.C. State, Amato worked under three head coaches—Al Michaels, Lou Holtz and the late Bo Rein.

The Easton, Pa. native earned both his

Defensive coordinator

back coach Baker are the

newest additions to the staff.

The two have added 35 years

Andrews as well as quarter-

Prior to the Wrangler position, Andrews became familiar with football in the state of Florida during a two-year stint (1981 and 1982) at the University of Florida where he coached the defensive backs. He



ANDREWS

had also worked at Clemson as defensive coordinator between 1977 and 1980 and had the title of Assistant Head Coach in his final season there. Clemson was 33-13-1 during Andrews' years at the school.

Andrews earned second-team All America honors as a running back and defensive back at Alabama from 1961-64. During his time there, the Crimson Tide won a pair of national championships (1961 and 1964) and played in the 1963 Sugar and 1964 Orange Bowls.

Andrews was also an all-conference

baseball player at Alabama and in 1964 received the Hugo Friedman Award, signifying the Tide's best all-around athlete.

Following graduation, the Daleville,
Alabama native spent
only one season as an
assistant coach on the
high school level and
soon moved on to his
first collegiate job as
an assistant at Livingston University in
Alabama. He was
named to the school's
head coaching job in
1970 and went on to
produce a three-year

record of 24-7 and the NAIA national championship in 1971.

Andrews moved on to serve as the head coach and athletic director at North Alabama from 1972-1976 before taking the Clemson post.

Mickey and his wife, Diane, have two children. His son, Ronnie, is a freshman wide receiver at Valdosta State.

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. He went undefeated as a wrestler in dual matches and was the Atlantic Coast champion in his weight class twice during his career.

of experience to the

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

Mickey Andrews Alabama '64 Defensive Coordinator/ Defensive Backs First Season on Staff

program.

The 1984 football coaching staff was completed with the addition of Mickey Andrews as defensive coordinator and defensive backfield coach in February.

The 42-year old coach was most recently the defensive coordinator of the Arizona Wranglers of the United States Football League, but previously he had spent 17 years in the college ranks. Art Baker Presbyterian '53 Assistant Head Coach Quarterbacks 1st Season on Staff

Art Baker, a new face on the Seminole staff, is the first coach to carry the title of assistant head coach under Bobby Bowden at Florida State.

Art joined the Seminole program in January from East Carolina where he had been the Pirates' associate head coach for the 1983 season. Previously, he served in a head coaching capacity at The Citadel, where he compiled a 30-24-1 mark from 1978-82, and at Furman where his record read 27-24-4 between 1973 and 1977. When Baker joined the FSU staff it marked a reunion with current Seminole basketball coach Joe Williams, who coached at Furman until both men left in 1977—Williams to Florida State and Baker to The Citadel.

Baker, a 1953 graduate and former player at Presbyterian College, opened his coaching career as head coach of three South Carolina high schools before moving into the college ranks in 1965. After serving five seasons as assistant coach at Clemson, Baker joined Jim Carlen's staff at Texas Tech in 1970. Ironically, Baker filled Bowden's position on the Carlen staff when Bowden became head coach at West Virginia. Baker remained at Tech until the head coaching job at Furman opened in 1973.

As offensive coordinator on the 1983

East Carolina staff, Baker saw his Pirates lose to the Seminoles, 47-46, in the closing minutes of the game. Only a late fumble by quarterback Kevin Ingram prevented a Seminole upset after the Carolinians had



BAKER

rolled up 390 yards in total offense.

Baker, a native of Sumter, SC and a long time acquaintance of both Bowden and FSU athletic director Hootie Ingram, works with the Seminole quarterbacks. He also handles several of Bowden's administrative duties.

Art and his wife, Edith, have four children.

John Eason Florida A & M '69 Receivers Fourth Season on Staff

Coaching the Garnet and Gold receivers for his fourth season is John Eason. Since his arrival at FSU, he has found himself in charge of one of the most talented groups on the squad.

Two of last year's receivers-Tony



EASON

Johnson and Weegie Thompson (who was selected to play in the Japan and Senior Bowls)—hope to find themselves spots on NFL rosters this fall. Already accomplishing that feat is one of Eason's 1982 graduates, Dennis McKinnon,

who turned in a good rookie season with the Chicago Bears. Still on the Florida State roster are a pair of high school Parade All-Americans in All-American candidate Jessie Hester and Hassan Jones.

Eason came to the Florida State pro-

gram 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 played at crosstown Florida A & M between 1963 and 1967. He was the Rattler's MVP in both 1966 and '67 when he played receiver and handled the team's punting chores. He also won All-American accolades in each of those seasons. Following his senior year, he was invited to play in the Blue-Gray and Coaches All-America

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

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

John and his wife, Dorothy, are expecting their first child.

Jim Gladden William Jewell '62 Outside Linebackers Ninth Season on Staff

Jim Gladden has been a member of Bobby Bowden's full-time coaching staff since 1976. He came to the Seminole program in 1975 as a graduate assistant and was promoted to full-time duty a year later.

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



GLADDEN

Gladden has long been regarded as one of the most ardent recruiters on the Florida State sidelines. His Midwest and Central Florida signings in 1982 produced a class that will be heavily depended on this year. Three of the most sought after players in the country that year-All-American candidate and offensive guard Jamie Dukes and defensive tackles Isaac Williams and Gerald Nichols will play big roles in the fortunes of the 1984 Seminole squad.

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 chosen to the all-conference team as an 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 until he took over the Brooksville (Fla.) High School program in 1972. Two years later, he joined the Seminoles.

The Springfield, Mo., native's first coaching assignment at FSU found him in charge of the junior varsity program. His job duties expanded to encompass the outside linebackers when he became a full-time assistant. Today, Gladden is also responsible for administrative duties that include coordination of player housing and meals.

Jim and his wife, Patricia, have two

Dave Van Halanger West Virginia '76

Strength Coach Second Season on Staff

Dave Van Halanger, who played under head coach Bobby Bowden at West Virginia, is in his second season as strength coach at Florida State.

Van Halanger came to the Seminole program in July of 1983 following seven at Virginia, five of those as the Mountaineer's strength coach.

Credited with starting West Virginia's first organized weight training program in his first two years at WVU, he became the first full-time weight training coach at the school in 1978. He had joined the football staff following graduation in 1976 served two

seasons as a graduate assistant and head junior varsity coach before achieving fulltime status.

Van Halanger was on the West Virginia sidelines when Florida State beat the Mountaineers 31-12 in the 1982 Gator Bowl.

As a player, Van Halanger lettered four seasons under Bowden and co-captained the 1975 West Virginia

Peach Bowl team. An offensive tackle, he earned All-East honors his junior and senior seasons and honorable mention All-American honors his senior season.

**VAN HALANGER** 

A native of Turtle Creek, Pa., Dave and his wife, Michele, have a daughter.

**Bob Harbison** 

Indiana '48 Offensive Line 36th 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 coaching staff for 36 of the Seminoles' 37 seasons of

Most of those years were spent coaching the offensive line. But from 1979 until 1982, 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.

In the spring of 1982, Harbison returned to the field to once again tutor the offensive linemen where he works closely with offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffic.

Harbison's 1964 unit-tabbed the

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"Magnificent Seven"-is considered by many to have been Florida State's finest. When he wasn't

coaching the offensive line, "Harbie" had assignments with both offense and defense while working for Don Veller, Tom Nugent, Perry Moss, Bill Peterson, Larry Jones, Darrell Mudra, and now Bowden.

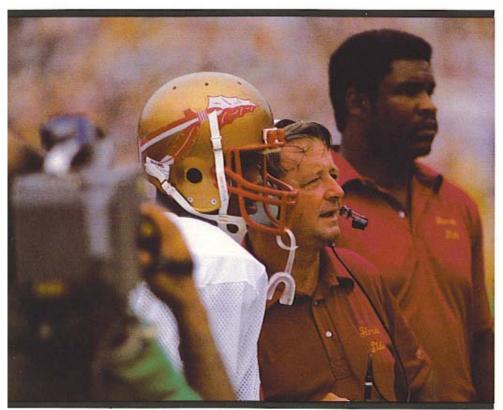


HARBISON

A graduate of Indiana, Harbison played offensive end and defensive line for the late Bo McMillin and was selected to play in the Blue-Gray game at the end of his collegiate

Bob and his wife, Jayne, have raised three children.

Seminole strength coach Dave Van Halanger played under head coach Bobby Bowden at West Virginia. During his career, he became fast friends with another WVU player, Tommy Bowden, and later served as best man in Tommy's wedding. When Bobby Bowden was looking for a strength coach before the 1983 season, he offered the job to the best man available—Dave Van Halanger.



Athletes like wide receiver Jessie Hester have helped the offensive coaches put together game plans that resulted in a scoring average of 32 points each game in 1983.

Gene McDowell Florida State '63 Inside Linebackers 16th Season on Staff

Former Florida State All-American Gene McDowell has spent the last 20 years coaching football and the last 16 at Florida State. He first coached the outside linebackers before taking on his current responsibility with the inside linebackers.

McDowell has coached at FSU longer than any member of the current coaching staff with the exception of offensive line coach Bob Harbison.

A native of nearby Quincy, Fla., Gene 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 freshman team for two seasons. Gene also directed the Seminole recruiting efforts during the 1968 and 1969 seasons for then-coach Bill Peterson.

In 1970, he 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, (now referred to as outside linebackers). He was assigned to the inside linebackers when Bobby Bowden came aboard in 1976 as head coach. Last year, Bowden added to



McDOWELL

his duties when he named him recruiting coordinator for the Seminoles.

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

Gene and his wife, Peggy, have a son.

Wayne McDuffie Florida State '68 Offensive Coordinator/ Offensive Line Second Season on Staff

Wayne McDuffie, one of three Florida State graduates on the Tribe coaching staff, is in his second year as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. In the early 70's, McDuffie worked on the FSU staff for four years, giving him a total of six seasons on the Florida State sidelines.

McDuffie joined the Bowden staff in 1983 after a season as offensive line coach for the Atlanta Falcons. His outstanding reputation as an offensive mind came, however, during the five years he spent as offensive line coach at Georgia. His line paved the way for Herschel Walker's sensational freshman and sophomore seasons as well as contributing to the Bulldogs national championship in 1980.

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



McDUFFIE

tor Larry Pendleton played together on the offensive line during those years.

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 became 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 only by his two seasons as a player in the CFL.

After a year at New Mexico, McDuffie moved to Oklahoma State for two years where he helped the Cowboys to a rare Big Eight 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 master's degree in 1971.

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

Billy Sexton Florida State '74 Running Backs Eighth Season on Staff

Running back coach Billy Sexton has spent most of his life in the city of Tallahassee as a prep star, a college star, a high school coach and a college coach.

Currently, he is in his eighth season on the Seminole staff and his second tutoring the running backs.

Sexton is one of three FSU coaches who earned bachelor's degrees from Florida State. After graduation in 1974, he coached at Tallahassee Leon High School where he had been a prep star. He was with the Lions three years and worked 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 two seasons until 1982, when he became the head junior varsity coach for two seasons. He also handled scouting assignments for Bowden during that time.

Sexton played one year of football for Florida State before picking up his business degree in 1974. He played his first three years at Alabama, where he was a backup quarterback, before electing to transfer. After arriving at Florida State, he was a starter for the opening half of the 1973 season.



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Sexton coaches one of the most talented areas on the squad. Last season, Florida State set the team mark for rushing yardage while 1984 Heisman Trophy candidate Greg Allen erased the individual single season rushing

record. The Seminoles also recruited two Parade All-American running backs for the fall campaign.

Billy and his wife, Joy, have a daughter.

Don Fauls Ithaca '48 Head Trainer 27th Season on Staff

Don Fauls is one of four members of the Florida State athletic department with 25 years or more of service. And without question, he has been the most popular person associated with the program since 1954 when he was first named head trainer.

Affectionately known as "Rooster", Fauls has treated Seminole athletes for 27 years. In early 1970, he left the Florida State campus for better than three years but he returned to the FSU training room in 1974. Only offensive line coach 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, a close friend and confidant, is most famous for this—one New Year's Eve back a few years Fauls was called to Reynolds' Jupiter, Fla., home to administer to an old knee injury while Reynolds was performing.

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



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Selection Committee. He also served as an assistant baseball coach at FSU for eight years.

Fauls is also respected as a teacher. Many of Fauls' students now occupy head training positions at the collegiate level and some have gone on to the professional ranks.

Fauls, who is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame, is a 1948 graduate of Ithaca College where he lettered in baseball and basketball.

He and his wife, Marguerite, have raised three children



Although last season's close losses put a damper on his coaching record, Bowden was still able to become FSU's all-time winningest coach as well as the eighth winningest coach in the country.

Frank DeBord Virginia Tech '42 Equipment Manager 16th Season on Staff

Equipment manager Frank DeBord plays an important role in the fielding of the Seminole football team. One of the unheralded, behind-the-scenes members of the staff, DeBord is responsible for the supervision of the football gear as well as the practice fields. He also takes charge of the team facilities in the new Moore Athletic Center. When the Seminoles play away from Doak Campbell Stadium, DeBord directs the transfer of all equipment and baggage to the opponent's site.

A native of Marion, Va., DeBord has been a member of the Seminole athletic staff for the last 15 years. He accepted the head equipment post in 1970 after a season as assistant equipment manager.



DeBORD

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

Frank and his wife, Marian, have raised three children. Randy Oravetz Florida State '79 Assistant Athletic Trainer Fifth Season on Staff

Randy Oravetz has been head trainer Don Fauls' right hand man for the last five years.

Oravetz, a native of Tampa, Fla., was a member of the student training staff at Florida State for four years prior to joining the full-time staff. He started as a student trainer at the University of Tampa until that school dropped its football program in 1975.

In addition to working with football, he served as head baseball trainer at FSU for two seasons.

Oravetz has traveled with football, baseball and soccer teams and has worked with basketball, track, swimming and ten-



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nis athletes in his career. At Florida State, his responsibilities include the care of injured athletes, maintaining and supplying the training room and keeping the athletic department medical records.

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

Randy and his wife, Linda, have a son.

# GRADUATE ASSISTANT AND **VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES**



Aaron Carter

Jeff Ferrington



Doug Carter

Dana Martin





John Coatta



**Brad Scott** 

Jimmy Callaway Equipment



SUPPORT STAFF

Charlie Durbin Cinematographer



Dr. Tom Haney Team Physician



Dr. Doug Henderson Team Physician



Dr. Emory Cain Team Dentist



Sgt. Billy Smith Team Security

# BOWDEN Vs. THE OPPOSITION

Opponent	W-L	Samford \	West Virginia	
Arizona State	2-0			2-0
Auburn	1-2	-	-	1-2
Boston College	4-2	-	2-2	2-0
California	1-1		1-1	
Carson-Newman	2-0	2-0	-	-
Chattanooga	1-0	1-0	*	
Cincinnati	5-0	-	-	5-0
Clemson	0-1	-	-	0-1
Colorado State	1-0		1-0	-
Delta State	2-1	2-1		
Duke	0-2	-	0-2	
East Carolina	4-1	-	1-1	3-0
Florida	4-4	-	-	4-4
Furman	1-1	1-1	-	-
Georgetown	2-0	2-0		
Gordon Military	1-0	1-0		34
Houston	0-1	-	-0-1	
Illinois	1-0		1-0	
Indiana	2-1		2-1	
Kansas State	2-0	-		2-0
Kent State	1-0	-	1-0	-
Kentucky	1-0	_	1-0	_
Livingston State	2-0	2-0	-	
Louisiana College	1-0	1-0	-	-
Louisiana State	4-1	-	*	4-1
Louisville	5-0	-	-	5-0
Maryland	2-0		2-0	-
Maryville	2-0	2-0		-
McNeese State	0-1	0-1		
Memphis Navy	1-0	1-0	4	2
Memphis State	4-1			4-1
Mexico	1-0	1-0	-	-
Miami (Fla.)	4-6		1-1	3-5
Millsaps	2-0	2-0		
Mississippi College	1-3	1-3		2
Mississippi State	1-1			1-1

Opponent	W-L	Samford	West Virginia	Florida State
Navy	1-0	) -	-	1-0
Nebraska	1-1		100	1-1
North Carolina	1-0	) -	16	1-0
North Carolina Stat	e 1-1	-	1-1	*
North Texas State	2-0	) -	-	2-0
Notre Dame	1-0	) -	-	1-0
Ohio State	2-0	) -	-	2-0
Oklahoma	0-3	3 -		0-3
Oklahoma State	2-(	) -	-	2-0
Penn State	0-6	5 -	0-6	
Pittsburgh	4-1	7 -	3-3	1-4
Richmond	4-2	2 -	4-2	
San Diego	0-1			0-1
Sewanee	2-0	2-0	+	-
South Carolina	3-0	) -	(	3-0
Southern Illinois	1-0	) -	-	1-0
Southern Methodist	1-0	-	1-0	
Southern Mississipp	i 6-1	-	-	6-1
Southwestern	3-0	3-0	2.00	-
Stanford	0-1	-	0-1	
Syracuse	5-2	2 -	4-2	1-0
Temple	2-1		2-1	-
Tennessee Tech	2-0	2-0	-	-
Texas Tech	1-0	) -		1-0
Troy State	3-0	3-0		
Tulane	1-3	-	1-2	0-1
Tulsa	1-0	-		1-0
UTMB	1-0	1-0	-	
Villanova	1-0	) -	1-0	-
Virginia	2-0	) -	2-0	
Virginia Military	3-0	) -	3-0	
Virginia Tech	7-1	-	2-1	5-0
Wafford	2-0	2-0	-	
West Virginia	1-0	) -	1-0	
Western Carolina	1-0	) -	·	1-0
William & Mary	3-0	-	3-0	