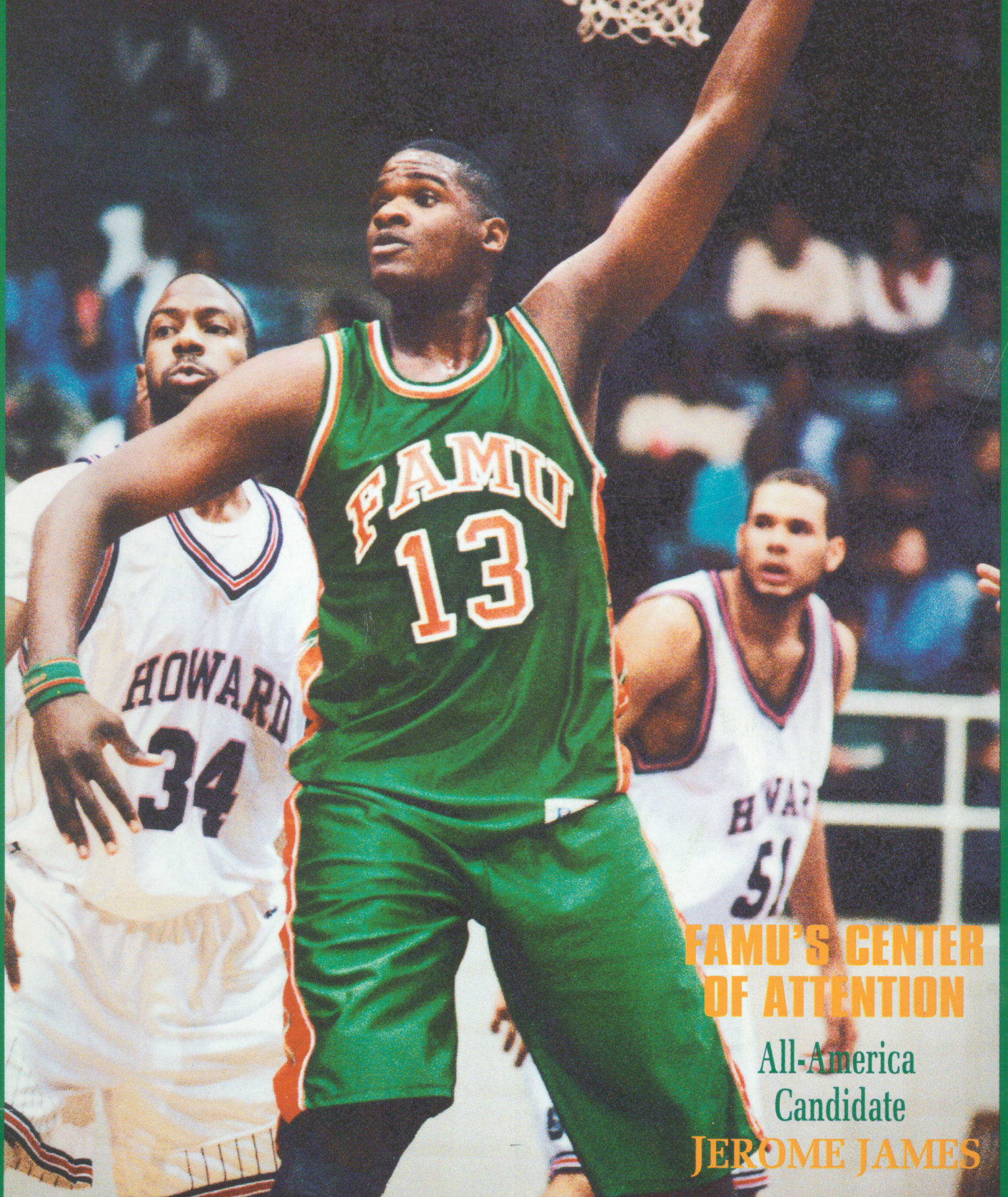


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**FAMU'S CENTER
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All-America
Candidate

JEROME JAMES

1997-98 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

11-15	at Long Beach State (7:30)
11-17	at Fresno State (7:30)
11-20	at Jacksonville University (7:00)
11-25	TROY STATE (7:30)
12-2	JACKSONVILLE (8:00)
12-6	at Auburn University (7:00)
12-14	@at Delaware State (4:00)
12-16	@at Coppin State College (7:30)
12-22	at Purdue University (7:30)
12-30	CAPITOL CITY CLASSIC FAMU vs. LIBERTY (7:00)
1-3	@MORGAN STATE (4:00)
1-5	@HOWARD (8:00)
1-10	@at South Carolina State (4:00)
1-12	@at North Carolina A&T (7:30)
1-17	@HAMPTON (4:00)
1-19	@MARYLAND-E.S. (8:00)
1-24	@at Bethune-Cookman (TV-4:30)
1-31	@at Morgan State (4:00)
2-2	@at Howard University (7:30)
2-7	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (TV-2:00)
2-9	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T (8:00)
2-14	@at Hampton University (4:00)
2-16	@at Maryland-Estrn Shore (7:30)
2-21	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN (4:00)
2-26	@COPPIN STATE (8:00)
2-28	@DELAWARE STATE (4:00)
3-4/7	at MEAC TOURNAMENT

1997 RESULTS (8-19, 8-10 MEAC)

54	*Boston University	85
59	*Holy Cross	66
50	at Alabama-Birmingham	83
58	at Dayton (Ohio)	89
64	at Xavier of Ohio	95
53	at South Alabama	81
72	at Georgia Southern	82
57	+AUBURN UNIVERSITY	95
79	@at Hampton (OT)	81
83	@MARYLAND-E.S. (OT)	79
69	@DELAWARE STATE	56
66	@N. CAROLINA A&T	79
68	@S. CAROLINA STATE	63
62	@at Howard University	77
67	@at Coppin State	84
64	@at Morgan State	67
65	@at S. Carolina State	82
79	@at N. Carolina A&T	91
89	@HAMPTON	78
84	@at Bethune-Cookman	89
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76	@at Maryland-E.S.	85
80	@at Delaware State	84
66	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	58
61	™Bethune-Cookman	70

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RATTLER FAST FACTS

Location	Tallahassee, FL
Founded	1887
Enrollment	10,367
Colors	Orange and Green
Nickname	Rattlers
National Affiliation	NCAA Division One
Conference	Mid-Eastern (MEAC)
Home Arena	Gaither Athletic Center
Capacity	3,365

ADMINISTRATION

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NCAA Compliance and Facility	Jonathan Evans

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Mickey Clayton (Florida A&M, '75)
FAMU Men's Record/Years	10-25, 2 yrs
*Overall Record/Years	209-163, 15 yrs
Assistant Coaches	Clemon Johnson (Florida A&M, '81) Ronnie Bryant (Fla. International, '88)
1996-97 Record	8-19 Overall
MEAC Record	8-10, 5th

KEY LOSSES

- F Sean Black, 14.4p/6.1rbs
- G Guy Walton, 8.2p/4.5ast
- G Darryl LaBarrie, 12.1p/3.4rb

KEY RETURNEES

- C Jerome James, 7-1, Sr. - Black College All-America, All-MEAC, 16.1p/9.0r/119 blks
- F Olatunda Martin, 6-8, Sr. - 4.2p/3.2r

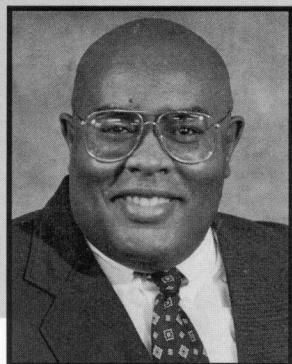
KEY NEWCOMERS

- G Willie Bullock, 5-9 JUCO, 14.5 p • 9.3ast • 4.4 stls
- C Kevin George, 6-10 JUCO, 14.3p • 9.2r
- G Monroe Phippen, 6-3 JUCO, 25.0p • 7.0ast • 6.0stls
- G Kendric Green, 6-5, Fr., 15.0p • 6.0 rbs.
- G Morris Scott, 6-1, Fr. - 17.3 ppg • 6.5 stls • 5.8 asts.

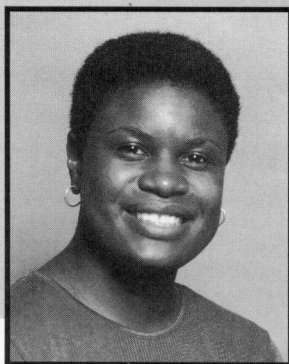
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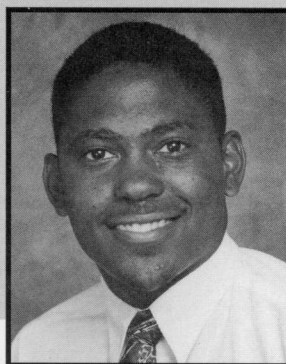
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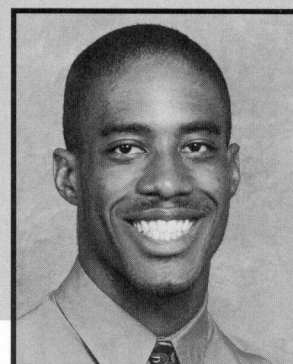
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• **From Airport:** Exit right, take Lake Bradford Road (first left) and follow until it changes to Orange Avenue. Follow Orange to Wahnish Way. Go left on Wahnish about 1/2 mile until you reach campus. Gym will be on right

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1997-98 FAMU Alphabetical Men's Cage Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown (Last School Attended)
3	BULLOCK, WILLIE	G	5-9	170	Juco	Landover, MD (Newberry CC)
40	BRIDGES, WILLIAM	F	6-4	190	So.	Orlando (Dr. Phillips High School)
31	FLETCHER, NORRIS	F-G	6-5	195	Jr.	New York, NY (St. Raymonds HS)
	++GEORGE, KEVIN	C	6-10	225	Juco	New York, NY (Newbury (MA) JC)
30	GRANT, TRAVIS	G	6-3	195	So.	Atlanta, GA (McNair High School)
34	GREEN, KENDRIC	G-F	6-6	200	Fr.	Miami (Norland High School)
41	JAMES, JEROME (13 home) .	C	7-1	285	Sr.	Tampa (Pentacostal Christ. Acad.)
32	MAGEE, DERRICK	F	6-6	185	Jr.	Jackson, MS (Hill High School)
15	MARTIN, OLATUNDA	F-C	6-8	210	Sr.	Hawthorne, CA (Piney Woods HS*)
4	OLIVER, FRANK JR.	G	6-1	175	So.	Mitchellville, MD (DeMatha High)
22	PIPPEN, MONROE	G	6-3	190	JC-Tr	Johnstown, NY (Fulton-Mntgmy CC)
5	SEAY, RODERICK	G-F	6-4	215	**Jr.	Miami (Hollywood Christian)+
21	WOODARD, HERB	C	6-9	200	Jr.	Winter Haven (Winter Haven HS)

1997-98 FAMU Numerical Road Men's Cage Roster

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown (Last School Attended)
3	BULLOCK, WILLIE	G	5-9	170	JC-Tr	Landover, MD (Newberry CC)
4	OLIVER, FRANK JR.	G	6-1	175	So.	Mitchellville, MD (DeMatha High)
5	SEAY, RODERICK	G	6-4	215	**Jr.	Miami (Hollywood Christian)+
15	MARTIN, OLATUNDA	C	6-8	210	Sr.	Hawthorne, CA (Piney Woods HS*)
21	WOODARD, HERB	C	6-9	200	Jr.	Winter Haven (Winter Haven HS)
22	PIPPEN, MONROE	G	6-3	190	JC-Tr	Johnstown, NY (Fulton-Mntgmy CC)
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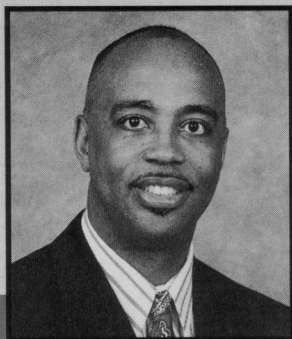
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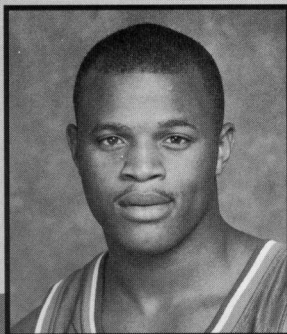
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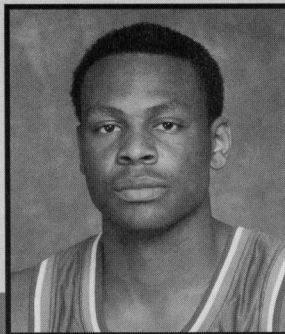
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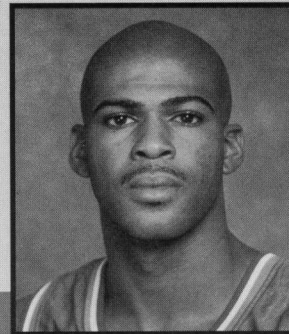
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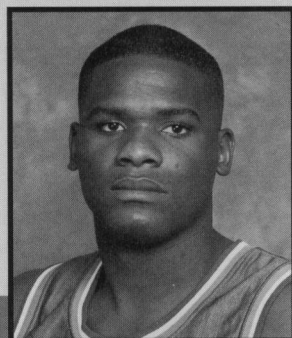
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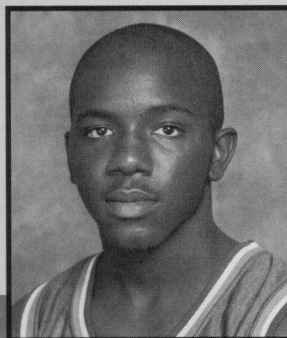
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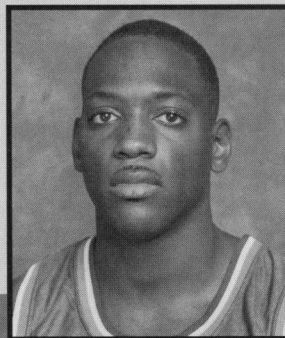
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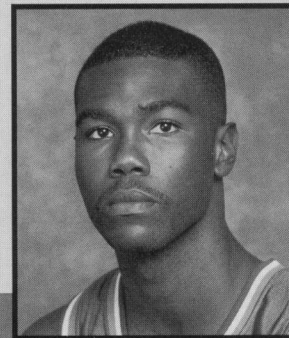
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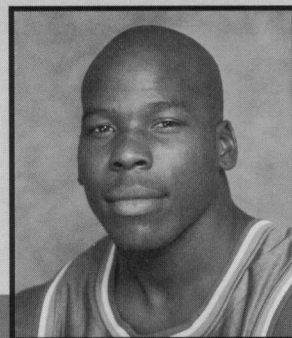
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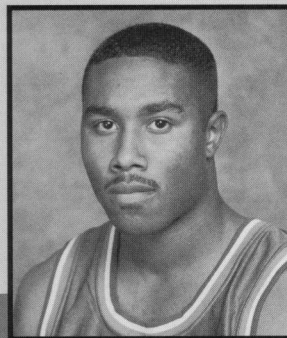
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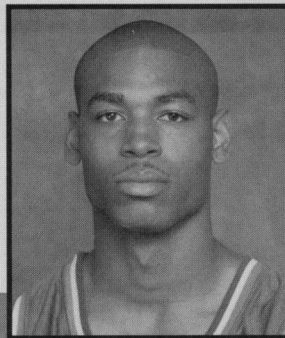
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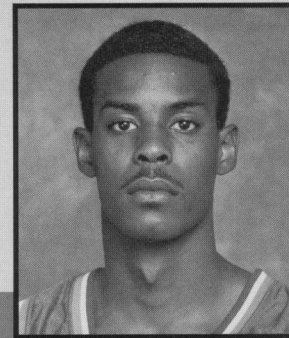
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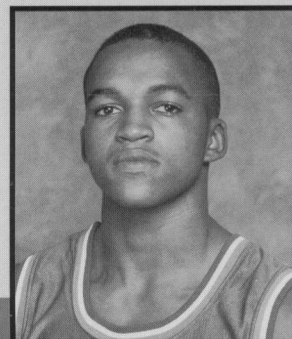
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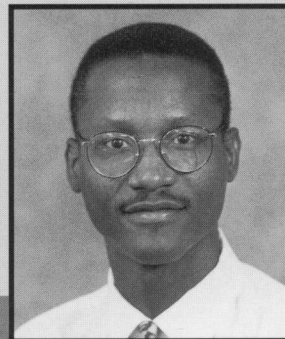
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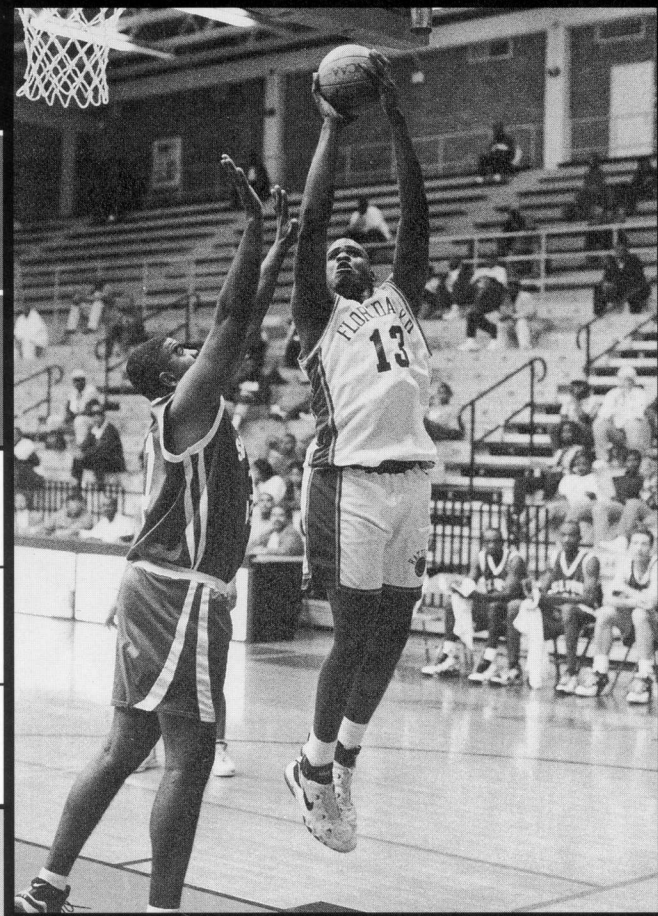


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1997-98

FAMU Basketball

- A First Look....

Clayton And Company Out To Fashion A Reversal Of Rattler Cage Fortunes

The outlook is upbeat for Rattler Basketball 1997-98, as the Rattlers have seemingly emerged from the long nightmare of recent years under the patient hand of Coach Mickey Clayton.

Clayton, a 1975 graduate of FAMU, served a 35-game stint, plus two months as interim coach, before receiving a three-year commission in May as the permanent head coach.

A stickler for intense pressure defense and an uptempo, transition style offense, Clayton brings a 209-163 career coaching record at Florida A&M, which includes a 12 1/2-year stint as the school's women's coach (1977-90).

That the Rattlers won 10 of their last 35 games might seem unworthy of a three-year permanent status contract, until you consider that during that same span, FAMU won 10 of 16 conference games. Contrast that with a 5-36 league standard in the previous 2 1/2 seasons (over 73 games)

and one can see the improvement wrought by Clayton.

As the Chicago Bulls revolve around Michael Jordan, the Rattlers will revolve in part around massive 7-1 senior postman Jerome James.

The personable giant from Tampa, has been among the nation's leaders in blocked shots (238 in the last 54 games) the past two seasons and should be the preseason choice for MEAC Player of the Year.

James averaged 16.1 points and 9.0 rebounds per game, upping his field goal percentage to 53.0 overall. In league play, he averaged 17.4 points and 9.2 rebounds with 88 blocked shots (18 games) and a nifty 57.7 shooting touch.

He'll be joined in the frontcourt by 6-10 junior center-forward Kevin George, a JUCO performer from Massachusetts. George, 6-9 junior Herb Woodard, 6-8 senior forward Olatunda Martin and 6-6 junior Derrick Magee make perhaps the biggest and deepest frontline group the Rattlers

have had in a number of years.

The Rattler backcourt may be the most talented and versatile a group assembled in many years. The loss of would-be senior Guy Walton will likely make 5-9 JUCO transfer Willie Bullock, who played at Newberry (Mass.) CC, the leading contender at the point.

Also in the point chase could be sophomore Frank Oliver and freshman Morris Scott, all youngsters who also have the versatility to play the one or two.

The two guard spot should be loaded too with 6-3 JUCO All-America Monroe Pippen heading the list, along with freshman All-Dade County Kendric Green a 6-6 swingman type, 6-3 sophomore Travis Grant, III, and 6-5 junior Norris Fletcher all set to battle each other for precious playing time.

For the Rattlers to improve even more dramatically recordwise, FAMU must win on the road. All of the Rattlers' victories last season were in the cozy confines of Gaither Gymnasium (8-19, 8-10 in MEAC), while on the road, FAMU has managed just two wins in the last four years.

The schedule will again challenge early and often, with road games at Long Beach State (Nov. 15), Fresno State (Nov. 17), Jacksonville (Fla.) University (Nov. 20), Auburn (Dec. 6), Purdue (Dec. 22) and MEAC Champion Coppin State (Dec. 16), the upset specialists in last year's NCAA Tournament.

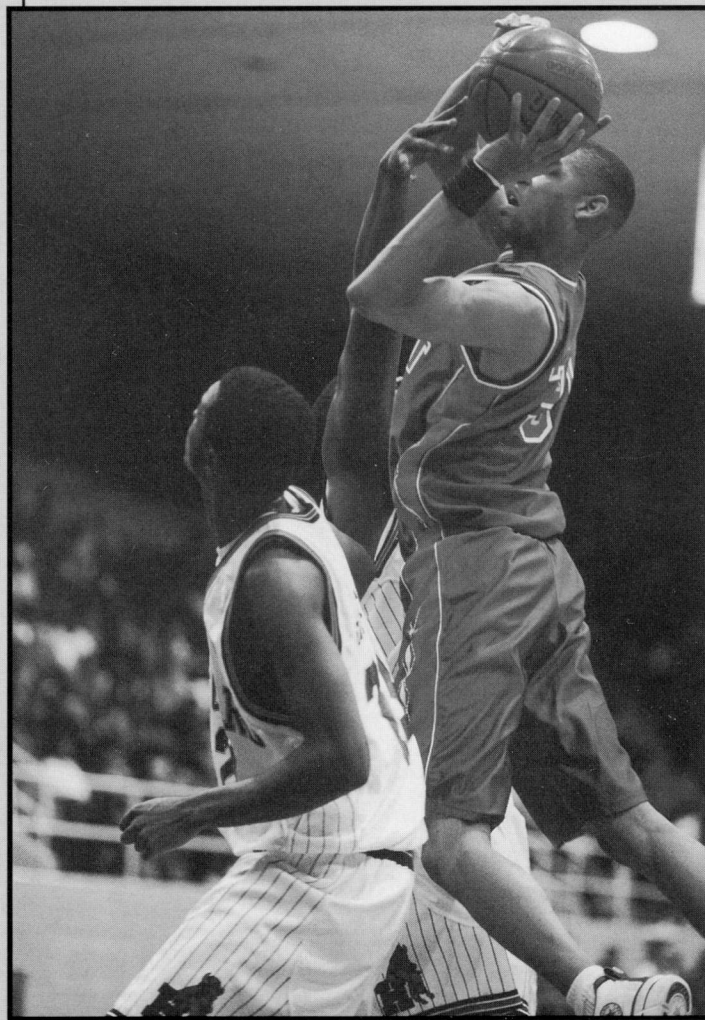
FAMU has a rare home-and-home deal in the same year with Jacksonville, playing there November 20 and hosting the Dolphins, December 2. The Rattlers round out the schedule with two Division One home games prior to Christmas, as they host Troy (Ala.)

State, Nov. 25 and Jacksonville.

In addition to serving as the host team in the Capital City Classic, the Rattlers must also face a full complement of 18 league games in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, a league which saw nine of the 10 teams separated by a mere six games in the standings.

Should Coach Clayton be able to smoothly blend his returning veterans with the high-caliber newcomers, the Rattlers could be in position to contend for an upper division finish in the MEAC.

And after last year, when the Rattlers lost two overtime road conference games, that may not be such a stretch since the Rattlers' 8-10 finish left them just one game out of fourth place in the improving MEAC.



Q&A

With....

Coach Mickey Clayton

Q Size up this 1997-98 Rattler Basketball team.

A This team will be one that has more players that like to run the floor, shoot the jumper and play good solid defense. But most importantly, we hope we'll be a group that will never say die - never give up.

Q Has becoming the men's coach at FAMU been the realization of a dream for you?

A It is something I hoped would have happened early on in my career (as women's coach), but later I wasn't sure it would ever happen. Being coach here makes it easier to relate to the current players some of the traditions of Rattler Basketball first hand.

Q Talk about your new staff - Clemon Johnson and Ronnie Bryant - and what they bring to the FAMU coaching mix.

A With these two, I was able to secure persons with high school and junior college experience here in Florida. That should really help our recruiting in the region. Coach Johnson is an intense, outgoing person, while Coach Bryant is more reserved and observant. This gives us a balance and allows our players to find at least one member of the staff they can feel comfortable with.

Q What is your ultimate goal for the Rattler Basketball Program?

A I'd like for us to be the first historically Black school to reach the Sweet 16. I really want to return the program to its' past glory, but that's going to take a lot of hard work and support.

Q What coaches have had any influence on shaping your coaching style and/or philosophy?

A Several coaches have been influential over the years. I learned a lot about the game from my father,

who coached high school basketball and played here in the 1950s. Coach (Rock) Ogelsby stressed the uptempo game and Coach Ajac Triplett was a solid bench coach, who made good in-game adjustments. I learned a lot about pressure defenses from Rick Pitino and I got much of my man-to-man defenses from Bobby Knight.

Q How has the public response been so far to you as men's coach?

A So far its' been very positive, very supportive. Folks have offered to do anything they can to help us. I know it will be a while before the fans really get behind us. We have to demonstrate that we'll be a competitive team that won't give up, that will battle to the end. Then I believe the fans will embrace the team emotionally.

Q How has recruiting gone for you so far and what type of player are you looking for?

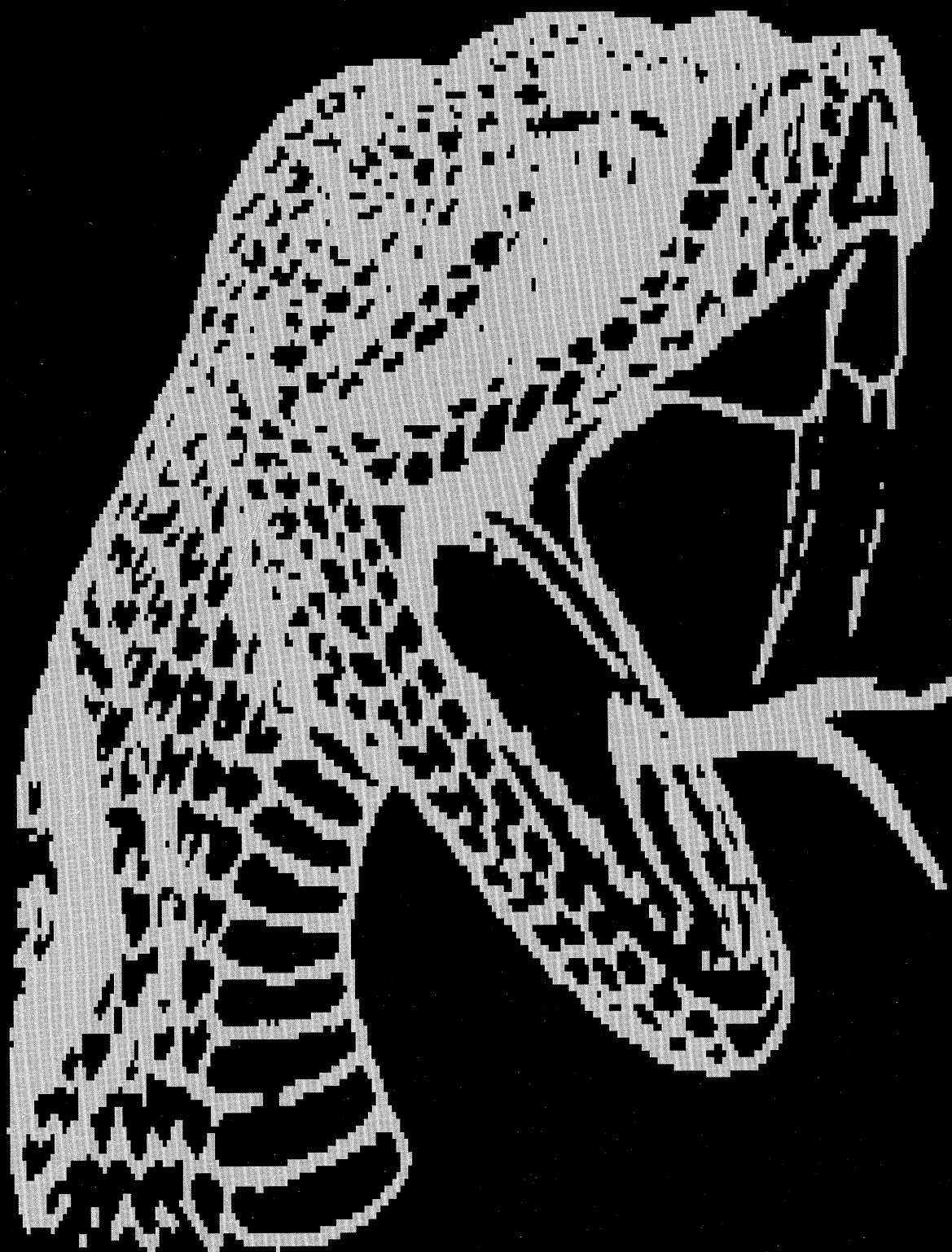
A We are beginning to get more depth in the program now, which will help us during a long season. We are looking for athletes, especially athletes who like to run the floor, shoot the jumper and basically have a never say die kind of attitude.

Q How does the conference stack up this season?

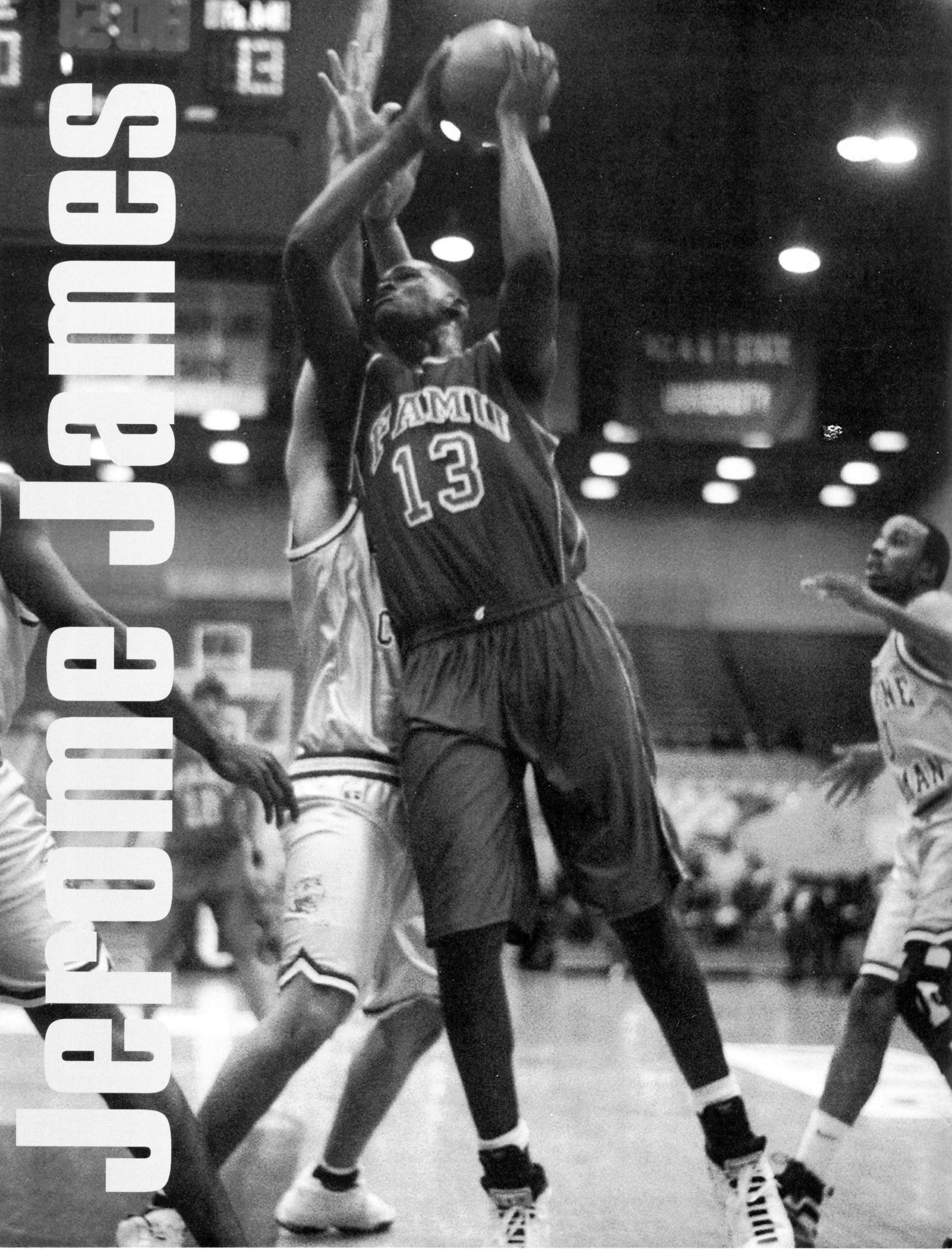
A This league is improving tremendously, but the two programs that will be the favorites will be the two with coaching staff that have been around a while - Coppin State and South Carolina State.

Q Did the preseason magazine predictions of improvement prove encouraging?

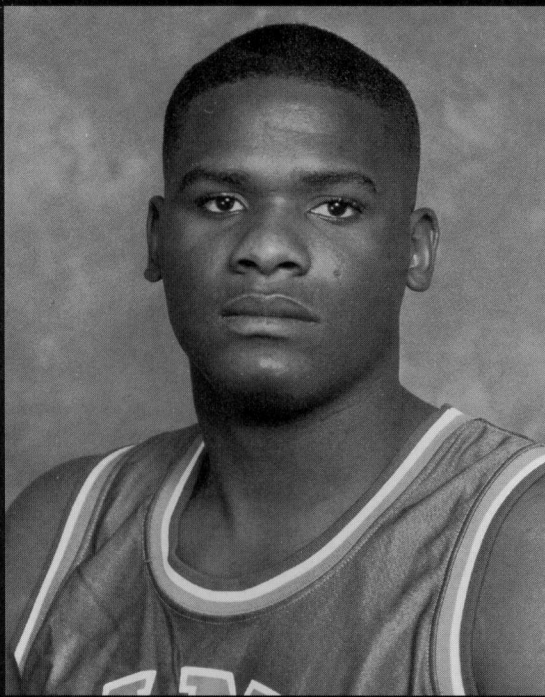
A Yes, I was very happy with some of the preseason predictions. At FAMU, we want to get back to the tradition of expecting to be good. We're just going to have to get after it and win a few and position ourselves to get back to that competitive level.



The Rattlers of 1997-98



Jerome James



Center

7-1 • 285 • Senior

Tampa, Florida

Pentacostal Christian Academy

41 • 13

Jerome James

Clearly the best NBA prospect from Florida A&M University since current assistant Clemon Johnson plied his trade in the paint for the Rattlers in the late 1970s, **James** has established himself as a man to watch this season, after several impressive showings in two summer camps....

A preseason All-Conference pick, who was named to **DICK VITALE'S "Human Eraser" Team** and rated as one of the top big men in the country, **James** should come into his own this season, especially with an improved supporting cast....

Has great leaping ability, great anticipation and has developed a more varied range of shots, both in close and from 10 feet out.... **1996-97: James** started in 26 games, with 119 blocked shots, fourth in Division One for the second straight year...

He also showed great improvement in his shooting, boosting his field goal percentage to 53 percent overall and 57.7 percent in conference play.... He averaged **16.1 points (17.4 in league play)** with a **9.0** rebounding touch overall....

Was **Black College All-America** and first-team **All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference**, finishing as a finalist for **MEAC Player of the Year**.... He led the club in **scoring 11 times** and in **rebounding in 17 games**.... He had a **season and career-high 38 points** against **Delaware State** (2-24-97) and **17 boards** against **Hampton** (1-4-97).....

1995-96 (SOPHOMORE) Started all 27 games last season... Led team in scoring (11.9) and rebounding (8.1)... Was third in NCAA with 4.4 blocks... Had a high scoring game of 27 points versus Morgan State... Had high rebounding game of 16 versus Bethune-Cookman...

Jerome James

Set school record with 119 blocks...Never played organized basketball before coming to FAMU... A 1996-97 preseason All-MEAC selection.... **1994-95 (FRESHMAN)** Sat out because of academic concerns (lack of sufficient core courses in high school)

Jerome James' Greatest Hits

Single-Game Bests

Most Points: 38, vs. Delaware State, 2-24-97
Most Rebounds: 17, vs. Hampton, 1-4-97
Most Blocked Shots: 11, vs. Morgan State, 2-17-97
Most FGM: 18, vs. DelState, 2-24-97
Most FGA: 29, vs. DelState, 2-24-97
Most FTM: 9, vs. Hampton, 1-4-97
Most FTA: 17, vs. Hampton, 1-4-97

Triple Doubles (2)

• **vs. Morgan State • 2-17-97**
 @16 points, 12 rebounds, 11 blocks
 • **vs. Hampton • 2-5-97**
 @23 points, 10 rebounds, 10 blocks

NOTE: James also has had 21 double-doubles

J.J.'s Top Five Nights

Points

• 38, vs. Delaware State, 2-24-97
 • 27, vs. Morgan State, 2-10-96
 • 25, vs. Holy Cross, 11-23-96
 • 24, vs. South Carolina State, 2-1-97
 • 23, vs. Hampton, 1-4-97 & 2-5-97

Rebounds

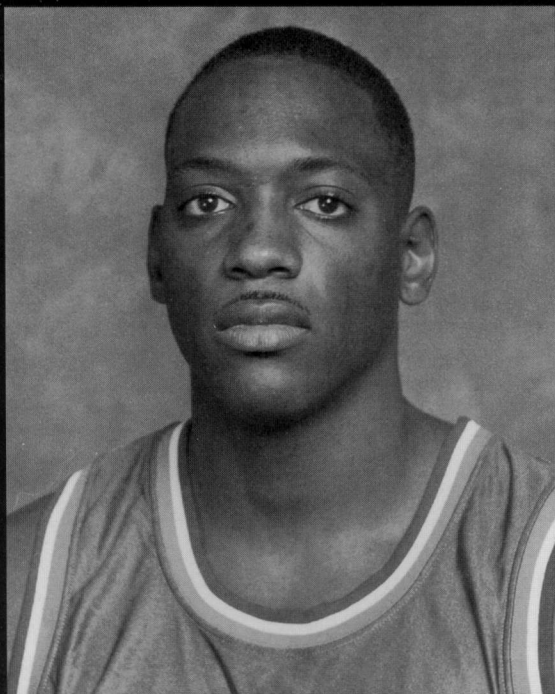
• 17, vs. Hampton, 1-4-97
 • 16, vs. Bethune-Cookman, 2-24-96
 • 15, vs. Morgan State, 2-10-96
 • 14, vs. Holy Cross, 11-22-96
 • 13, vs. Several Teams (4)

Blocked Shots

• 11, vs. Morgan State, 2-17-97
 • 10, vs. Hampton, 2-5-97
 • 9, vs. Delaware State, 1-13-96;
 Morgan State, 2-10-97
 • 8, vs. South Carolina State, 1-20-97;
 UMES, 1-11-97.

THE JEROME JAMES FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs		Pct.	3Pt FGs		Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG	FGA		FG	FGA								
1996	27- 27	685-25.4	129-	288	.448	0-	1	.000	62-	137	.453	219-8.1	8	119	7 320-11.9
1997	27- 26	706-26.1	177-	334	.530	0-	1	.000	82-	147	.558	242-9.0	16	119	18 436-16.1
2 Yrs	54- 53	1391-25.7	306-	622	.492	0-	2	.000	144-	284	.507	461-8.5	24	238	25 756-14.0



Forward/Center

6-8 • 210 • Senior

Hawthorne, California

Piney Woods (Miss.) Prep

15

Olatunda Martin

This mercurial youngster has his moments and should come into his own this season with maturity as a senior.... Possessed of tremendous leaping ability and a solid shooting touch in the lane, **Martin** could be a force inside for the Rattlers if he plays with consistency..... **1996-97:** Started six (6) games; played in 25 overall.... Averaged 4.2 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.... Shot 42.7 percent from the floor, averaging nearly 15 minutes per game..... **1995-96 (SOPHOMORE)** Started 18 of 27 games... Shot 43.2% from the field... Shot 71% from the free throw line... Second in blocks with 29... Led team in scoring and rebounding versus Memphis with 12 points and 7 rebounds... Had high game of 20 points versus Coppin State... Had high game of 12 rebounds versus North Carolina A&T... Adds frontline punch

1994-95 (FRESHMAN) Played in 24 games... Started last four games of the year... Shot 53.4% from the field... Averaged 3.4 points and 2.6 rebounds per game

Martin's Greatest Hits

Most Points: 20, vs. Coppin State, 1-22-96

Most Rebounds: 12, vs. North Carolina A&T, 1-29-96

Most FGM: 9, vs. Coppin State, 1-22-96

Most FGA: 17, vs. Coppin State, 1-22-96

Most FTM: 7, vs. Georgia Southern, 12-16-95

Most FTA: 8, vs. Georgia Southern, 12-16-95

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 23 points and 14.6 rebounds and 3.4 block shots per game... Earned Mississippi All-Star honors three straight years... Was a Street and Smith High School All-America (1992)... A McDonald's All-America nominee... Was team MVP

THE OLATUNDA MARTIN FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs		Pct.	3Pt FGs		Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG-FGA			FG-FGA									
1995	24- 11	379-15.8	31- 58	.534		0- 2	.000		20- 44	.455	62-6.6	11	15	10	82- 3.4
1996	27- 18	624-23.1	64- 148	.432		0- 0	.000		44- 62	.710	137-5.1	13	29	16	172- 6.4
1997	25- 6	367-14.7	41- 96	.427		0- 0	.000		22- 38	.579	84-3.4	7	15	7	104- 4.2
3 Yrs	76- 35	1367-18.0	136- 302	.450		0- 2	.000		86- 144	.597	283-3.7	31	59	33	358- 4.7

Roderick Seay

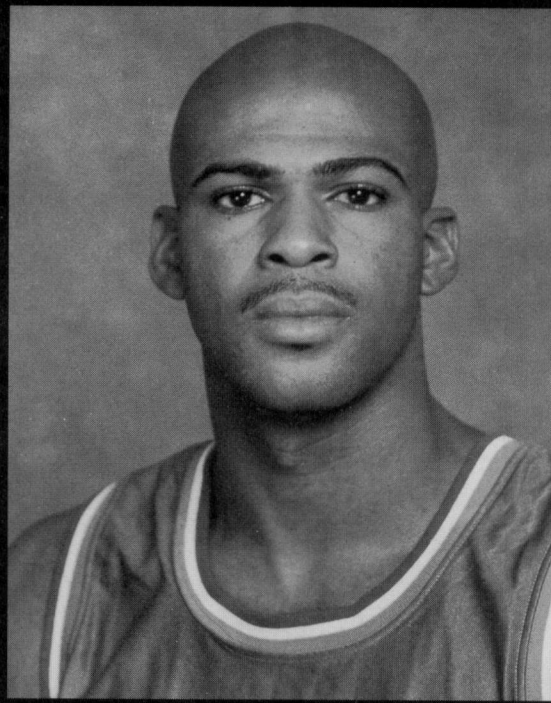
Guard

6-4 • 215 • Junior

Miami, Florida

Hollywood Christian HS

5



This talented youngster from South Florida appears ready this year to deliver on some the promise he has after battling a severe wrist injury, which required surgery and sidelined him for 1996-97....

1995-96: Seay appeared in 11 games (5 starts), shooting 72.2 percent from the foul line... Was a member of the MEAC All-Rookie team.... Transferred from Furman (S.C.) University... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A three-sport letterwinner (football, basketball, track), Seay averaged 23.8 points, 8.9 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 4.0 steals per game.... Was first team All-County and All-State (1993-94), Street and Smith All-America and nominated for McDonald's All-America....

Seay's Greatest Hits

Most Points: 20, vs. Howard, 1-18-96

Most Rebounds: 6, vs. UMES, 1-6-96

Most FGM: 6, vs. Howard, 1-18-96

Most FGA: 12, vs. Howard, 1-18-96

Most 3PtFGM: 0, vs. Three (3) Teams

Most 3PtFGA: 2, vs. Several Teams (3)

Most FTM: 8, vs. Howard, 1-18-96

Most FTA: 11, vs. Howard, 1-18-96

THE ROD SEAY FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs		Pct.	3Pt FGs		Pct.	FT-FTA		Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG-FGA			FG-FGA										
1996	11- 5	225-20.5	26- 69	.377		0- 6	.000		26- 36	.722		33-3.0	5	4	13	78- 7.1
1997	2- 0	13- 6.5	0- 2	.000		0- 0	.000		1- 2	.500		1-0.5	1	0	1	1- 0.5
2 Yrs	13- 5	238-18.3	26- 71	.366		0- 6	.000		27- 38	.710		34-2.6	6	4	14	79- 6.1

Center/Forward

6-9 • 200 • Junior

Winter Haven, Florida

Winter Haven High School

21

Herb Woodard

This hardy, determined youngster mixed it up quite nicely in the middle, spelling Jerome James from time to time.... He quickly became a crowd favorite in Gaither Gymnasium for his tough rebounding and he should figure prominently in the big man's mix for the Rattlers again this season....

1996-97: Woodard played in 23 games (4 starts) averaging 3.3 rebounds and 1.5 points per game... He shot a nifty 56 percent from the floor... Had career high **eight (8) rebounds** against **Alabama-Birmingham** (11-27-96).....**1995-96 (FRESHMAN)** Appeared in 24 games.... Had career high of 10 points versus Warner Southern... Had career high of five rebounds versus Memphis...Will add depth to frontcourt..... **HIGH SCHOOL** : Averaged 15 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 blocks per game....

All County performer (1994-95)... Member of State semifinalist where he was a member of All-State Tournament team

Woodard's Greatest Hits

Most Points: 10, vs. Warner Southern, 11-28-95

Most Rebounds: 13, vs. UMES, 1-11-97

Most FGM: 4, vs. Warner Southern, 11-28-95

Most FGA: 5, vs. Delaware State, 2-19-96

Most FTM: 4, vs. North Carolina A&T, 1-13-96

Most FTA: 6, vs. West Virginia, 11-25-95

THE HERB WOODARD FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs		Pct.	3Pt FGs		Pct.	FT-FTA		Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG-FGA			FG-FGA										
1996	24- 0	208- 8.7	20- 36	.556		0- 0	.000		14- 31	.452		44-1.8	1	4	4	54- 2.2
1997	23- 4	256-11.1	14- 25	.560		0- 0	.000		6- 17	.353		77-3.3	6	3	2	34- 1.5
2 Yrs	47- 4	464- 9.8	34- 61	.557		0- 0	.000		20- 48	.416		121-2.6	7	7	6	88- 1.9

Norris Fletcher

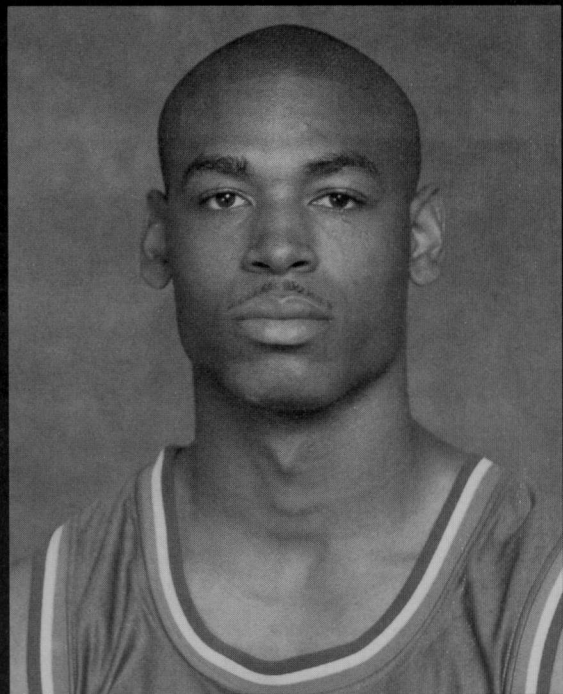
Forward/Guard

6-5 • 195 • Junior

New York, New York

St. Raymonds High

31



This solid performer showed good versatility with the range and skills to play forward or guard with equal effectiveness.... Expected to be a key reserve, **Fletcher** has the quickness and the savvy for the inside which could put him in line for even more playing time this season....

1996-97: Played 20 games (3 starts) with a 3.7 scoring average and a 3.0 rebounding norm.... Averaged 13.9 minutes per game and 15.3 minutes per game in league play....**1995-96 (FRESHMAN)** Appeared in eight games.... Scored lone two points of the season versus Howard.... Played 15 minutes versus South Carolina State....

HIGH SCHOOL :

Member of St. Raymonds High School team that won both the New York City Championship and New York State Title

Fletcher's Greatest Hits

Most Points: 11, vs. North Carolina A&T, 2-3-97

Most Rebounds: 6, vs. South Alabama, 12-7-96;
Hampton, 2-5-97

Most FGM: 4, vs. North Carolina A&T, 2-3-97

Most FGA: 9, vs. South Alabama, 12-7-96

Most FTM: 3, vs. Alabama-Birmingham, 11-27-96

Most FTA: 5, vs. North Carolina A&T, 2-3-97

THE NORRIS FLETCHER FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs		Pct.	3Pt FGs		Pct.	FT-FTA		Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG-FGA			FG-FGA										
1996	8- 0	42- 5.2	1- 11		.091	0- 8		.000	0- 3		.000	5-0.6	2	0	4	2- 0.2
1997	20- 3	278-13.9	27- 72		.375	2- 9		.222	17- 32		.531	59-3.0	15	1	8	73- 3.7
2 Yrs	28- 3	320-11.4	28- 83		.337	2- 17		.117	17- 35		.485	64-2.2	17	1	12	75- 2.7



Forward

6-6 • 185 • Junior

Jackson, Mississippi

Jim Hill High School

32

This talented and fiercely determined youngster is the epitome of versatility... He can play a number of spots and has been working hard to position himself for a larger role in the Rattler scheme this season.... A good leaper, who can mix it up inside with the big men and handle the ball well enough to play on the wing, **Magee** should bear watching in 1997-98...

1996-97: Magee played in 25 games (9 starts), averaged just under 10 minutes per game... Averaged 1.6 points and 1.6 rebounds and shot 77 percent from the foul line in limited appearances (7 of 9).....**1995-96 (FRESHMAN)** Appeared in 21 games.... Had career high of 8 points versus Palm Beach Atlantic... Had two games of four rebounds versus Morgan State and Auburn...

Magee's Greatest Hits

Most Points: 10, vs. North Carolina A&T, 1-18-97

Most Rebounds: 6, vs. Hampton, 1-4-97

Most FGM: 4, vs. North Carolina A&T, 1-18-97

Most FGA: 9, vs. Auburn, 12-28-96

Most 3ptFGM: 2, vs. Palm Beach Atlantic, 12-4-95

Most 3ptFGA: 4, vs. West Virginia, 11-25-95

Most FTM: 2, vs. Several teams (3)

Most FTA: 3, vs. North Carolina A&T

HIGH SCHOOL :

Averaged 13 points, 8 rebounds, 3 blocks, 1 steal, and 1 assist per game... Top Rebounder and Defensive Player for Jim Hill High... Earned Athlete of the Week on Jackson area once....

THE DERRICK MAGEE FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs			3Pt FGs			FT-FTA	Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG-FGA	Pct.	FG-FGA	Pct.									
1996	21- 0	174- 8.3	12- 49	.245	5- 26	.192	0- 2	.000	20-1.0	4	1	3	29- 1.4		
1997	25- 9	236- 9.4	17- 55	.309	0- 1	.000	7- 9	.777	40-1.6	8	1	6	41- 1.6		
2 Yrs	46- 9	410- 8.9	29- 104	.278	5- 27	.185	7- 11	.636	60-1.3	12	2	9	70- 1.5		

MONROE PIPPEN

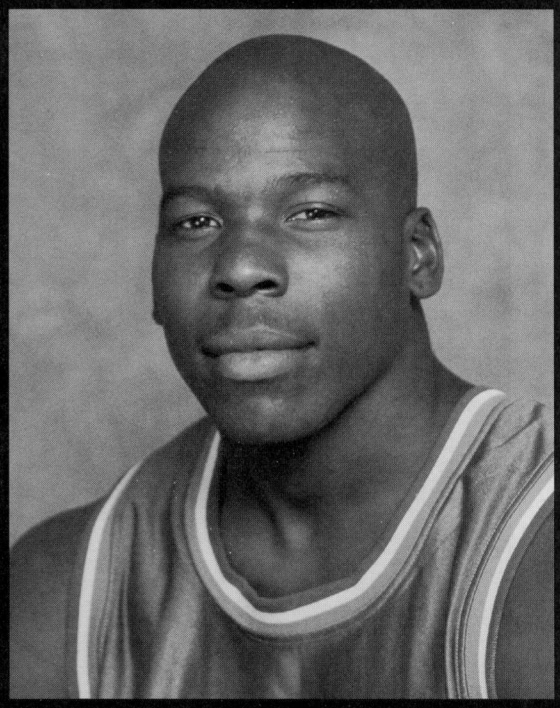
Guard

6-3 • 190 • JCTransfer

Johnstown, New York

Fulton-Montgomery CC

22



Another junior college star landed by Clayton and Co., Monroe Pippen, graced with the last names of two NBA greats (Scottie and Earl), has shown flashes of brilliance in his own right....

JUNIOR COLLEGE: This Empire State native earned JUCO All-America honors for Fulton-Montgomery Community College, scoring 25 points per game, complemented by 7.0 assists and 6.0 steals....

Pippen shattered over two dozen school records and led his JUCO club to the 1997 National Junior College Tournament where he scored a tournament record 48 points in one game....

A versatile guard, who has great passing skills, a phenomenal shooting touch and great quickness and anticipation, Pippen should vie for a starting role this season in the wide-open guard situation.....

A black and white portrait of Willie Bullock, a young man with short hair, wearing a basketball jersey with white trim.

Guard

5-9 • 170 • JCTransfer

Landover, Maryland

Newberry (Mass.) CC

3

A junior college phenom who will immediately solidify the Rattlers' point guard spot, Bullock should step right into the spot left open by the graduation of 1996-97 starter Guy Walton....

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Averaged 28 points, 6.0 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals for Newberry CC... Was All-Academic Achievement Award winner....

HIGH SCHOOL: A first-team all-conference pick, and first-team all-county, Bullock was the MVP of the City Championship Tournament... Won the Five-Star Mannion Award and Was All-Metro Baltimore (honorable mention).... Averaged 16 points, 7.0 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 steals for Bishop McNamara High School in Baltimore....

WILLIE BULLOCK

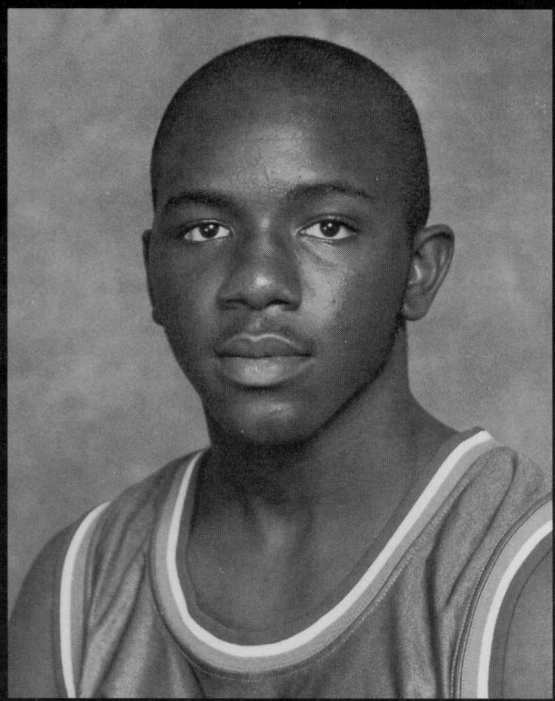
Guard

6-0 • 185 • Freshman

Fitzgerald, Georgia

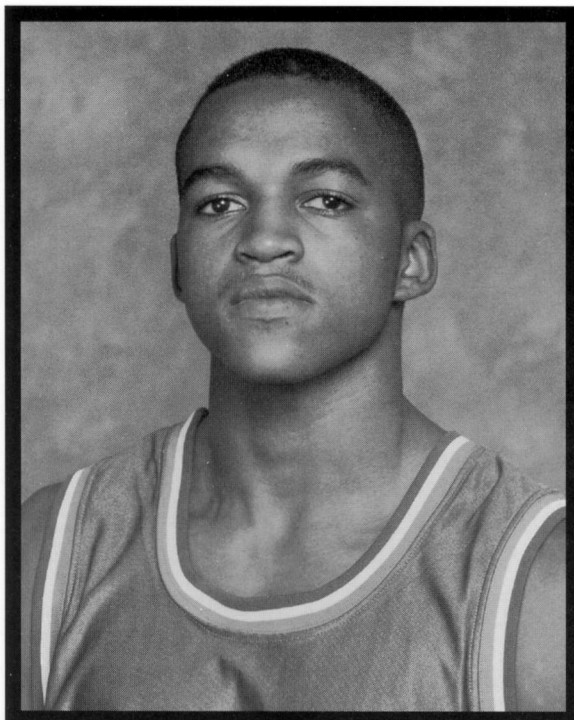
Fitzgerald High School

14



A star prepster with impressive talents and highly-decorated for his play, Scott should add depth, style and zip to the Rattlers' backcourt in 1998-99, since a thumb injury suffered in preseason practice (surgery was required) has sidelined him for the season....

HIGH SCHOOL: A 1st team Southwest Georgia pick, Scott averaged 17 points, 5.0 assists, 7.0 steals and 4.0 rebounds per game for Fitzgerald High... He was second-team All-Middle Georgia and District 2-AAA Player of the Year.... Helped lead his club to the regional finals in 1997.....



Forward/Guard

6-6 • 200 • Freshman

Miami, Florida

Norland High School

34

Kenndric Green

A South Florida star prepster who should add some punch and some flair to the Rattler backcourt corps.... A left-handed swingman who could play off guard or small forward, he has already been compared to former FAMU cage star Reggie Finney, who was both an off guard and small forward....

A great leaper, who specializes in soaring rim-rattling slams and has the versatility to shoot from the outside and run the floor in transition, Green could be one of the building blocks for the FAMU basketball future....

Averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game for Norland High, earning first-team All-Dade and third-team All-State honors.... Had 13 points, five (5) rebounds and four (4) assists in the Dade-Broward All-Star Game in March 1997....

Green comes from good athletic bloodlines.... His father is former Miami Dolphins offensive lineman Cleveland Green and his mother Wanda was a star women's basketball player at Southern University-Baton Rouge (La.)....

Frank Oliver Jr.

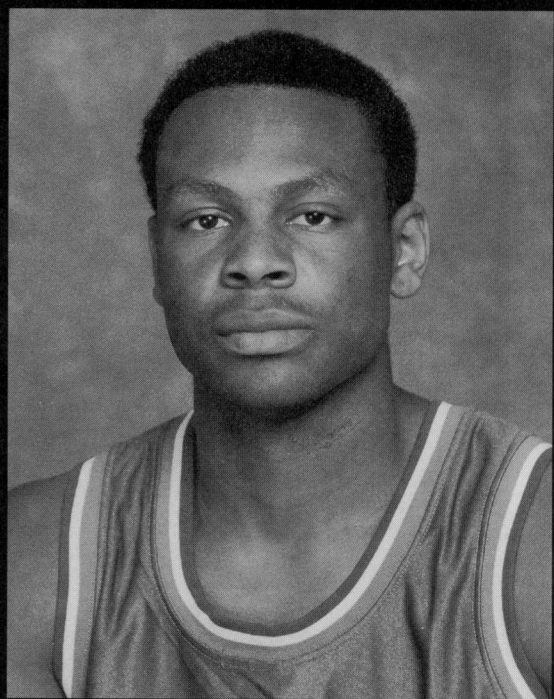
Guard

6-1 • 175 • Sophomore

Mitchellville, Maryland

DeMatha High School

4



Another sharpshooting zone-buster who could put some outside punch in the Rattler offense, **Oliver** appears primed to play a more substantial role in the FAMU fortune hunt this season.... **1996-97:** Appeared very sparingly in 19 games, averaging 0.8 points and 0.7 boards in 5.4 minutes... Did can a trio of three-pointers (15 tries), displaying some of his long-range capabilities.....

HIGH SCHOOL : Four year letterwinner... Played for legendary coach Morgan Wooten... Orchestrated 31-5 record as point guard... Member of Washington, D.C. Catholic Athletic Conference...

Oliver's Greatest Hits

Most Points: 4, vs. Dayton, 11-30-96

Most Rebounds: 2, vs. Several teams (4)

Most FGM: 1, vs. Several teams (5)

Most FGA: 6, vs. Dayton, 11-30-96

Most 3pFGM: 1, vs. Several teams (3)

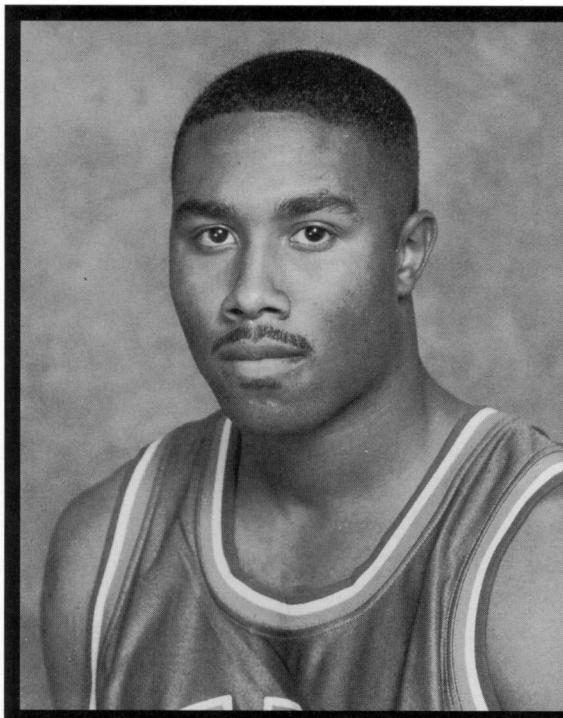
Most 3pFGA: 4, vs. Dayton, 11-30-96

Most FTM: 1, vs. Several teams (3)

Most FTA: 3, vs. Dayton, 11-30-96

THE FRANK OLIVER FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs		Pct.	3Pt FGs		Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG-FGA			FG-FGA									
1997	19- 0	103- 5.4	5- 26	.192		3- 15	.200		3- 5	.600	13-0.7	4	0	4	16- 0.8
1 Yr	19- 0	103- 5.4	5- 26	.192		3- 15	.200		3- 5	.600	13-0.7	4	0	4	16- 0.8



Guard

6-3 • 195 • Sophomore

Atlanta, Georgia

McNair High School

30

Travis Grant III

This potential outside sharpshooter has shown signs of improvement from hard off-season work and should be a key role player with down-the-road potential to play on a regular basis.... **1996-97:** He canned nine (9) treys last season (32 attempts), shooting 33.3 percent from the floor... He averaged 1.7 points per game and 0.8 rebounds.... **HIGH SCHOOL :** Shot 48% from three point range... Averaged 18 points per

game... Shot 87% from the free throw line... Son of former All-American guard Travis Grant II, who led Division II in scoring in 1972 with a 39.5 scoring average for Kentucky State

Grant's Greatest Hits

Most Points: 8, vs. UMES, 1-11-97

Most Rebounds: 3, vs. Several teams

Most FGM: 3, vs. UMES, 1-11-97

Most FGA: 6, vs. UMES, 1-11-97

Most 3PtFGM: 2, vs. UMES, 1-11-97

Most 3PtFGA: 4, vs. Holy Cross, 11-23-96;
UMES, 1-11-97

Most FTM: 2, vs. Hampton, 1-4-97

Most FTA: 2, vs. Hampton, 1-14-97,
Coppin State, 1-25-97

THE TRAVIS GRANT FILE

Year	GP-GS	Mins-Avg.	Total FGs			3Pt FGs			FT-FTA	Pct.	REB-Avg.	AST	BS	ST	PTS-Avg.
			FG-FGA	Pct.		FG-FGA	Pct.								
1997	25- 1	202- 8.1	16- 48	.333		9- 32	.281		2- 4	.500	21-0.8	11	0	7	43- 1.7
1 Yr	25- 1	202- 8.1	16- 48	.333		9- 32	.281		2- 4	.500	21-0.8	11	0	7	43- 1.7

1996-97

A Season In Review Rattlers Turn The Corner

The Florida A&M Rattlers appeared to have turned the proverbial corner in the 1996-97 season, going from a rugged 0-9 start to an 8-19 finish which truly seemed to signal better days ahead for Coach Mickey Clayton and Company.

Clayton, who took over the program on an interim basis with eight games left in the 1995-96 campaign, continued his yeoman's effort of turning around the attitude as well as the play of the Rattler Basketball Program in his first full season.

And while the final record might not indicate a reversal of fortune is in the offing, several items resulting from last year's campaign may indeed bode well for the future:

@ITEM - Clayton was named permanent head coach in May, getting a three-year contract from the university.

@ITEM - FAMU posted its' best home record, 8-1, since the 1992-93 season, which energized the Rattler faithful in January and February.

@ITEM - The Rattlers pulled off a stunning 86-82 upset of eventual conference champion Coppin State in Tallahassee in February, showing that the Rattlers' attitude might be moving to a more positive one.

While Clayton's permanent coaching status came after FAMU's strong finish - and deservedly so - there were some players who did some grunt work to put some luster on the Rattler season.

• Junior center Jerome James, the 7-1 Tampa Bay native who is capable of dominating any game, showed tremendous improvement as the season

went along, scoring a career-high 38 points - the most by a Rattler since FAMU went Division One in 1990 - against Delaware State.

The Black College All-America and the first-team All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference selection, finished ranked fourth nationally in blocked shots (119) and led the club in scoring (16.1) and rebounding (9.0). James led the club in scoring in 11 games and in rebounding 17 times, turning in a triple double against Hampton.

Against the visiting Pirates of Hampton on February 5, James finished with 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocked shots in the 89-78 win.

• Senior forward Sean Black, who had endured four and five-win seasons as a freshman and sophomore, averaged 14.4 points, 6.1 rebounds per game with 30 three-point goals, providing great leadership as FAMU began its' late season surge.

He was the leading scorer in five of the Rattlers' big wins down the stretch, highlighted by a 22-point effort in FAMU's upset of Coppin State, February 15 and a 27-point outbreak against Auburn.

• Freshman guard Darryl Labarrie (who transferred in the offseason to Georgia Tech) earned MEAC All-Rookie honors, averaging 12.1 points, 3.4 rebounds, finishing second in three-pointers (24) and assists (63).

• Mercurial point guard Guy Walton, who became eligible in the second semester, was a pivotal performer for the Rattlers during their rousing finish. He topped the club in assists (91) and steals

(41) and his emotional play sparked FAMU, especially in wins over South Carolina State (17 points) and Howard (21 points).

Florida A&M without question had sunk to the depths of Division One basketball, ranking 305 of 309 teams when the season began. Add to that the uncertainty of the coaching situation and a rugged non-conference schedule which featured several NCAA Tournament teams and one had the makings for another dismal season.

The Rattlers opened against the likes of Alabama-Birmingham, Auburn, Xavier of Ohio and South Alabama, playing well in spots, but lacking the consistency to finish many of their opponents.

But Clayton and his staff, which included his beloved father, Mack, a former Rattler cage star of the 1950s and energetic young aide Charles Fisher, tirelessly worked to instill a more positive attitude and install a system of uptempo offense and a dizzying array of pressure defenses.

Their hard work bore fruit in the Rattlers' late season run featuring a three-game winning streak - the first such run in almost five years, and an 8-10 conference mark - their best finish (fifth) in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference since the 1992-93 season.

With James and many of the key reserves and/or first-time players returning from last year's crew, the Rattlers may indeed look back on the 1996-97 campaign as the year the Rattlers began their climb back onto the competitive plain of Division One basketball.

1996-97 FINAL Florida A&M Men's Basketball Statistics

		All FGs			3 Pt. FG			Free Throws			Rebounds					
Player	GP-GS	M-	A	Pct.	M-	A	Pct.	M-	A	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	Mins-Avg	Pts-Avg.
James	27- 26	177- 334	.530		0- 1	.000		82- 147	.558		72	170	242	9.0	706- 26.1	436- 16.1
Black	27- 27	144- 351	.410		30-100	.300		71- 93	.763		40	126	166	6.1	907- 33.6	389- 14.4
Labarrie	27- 25	120- 278	.432		24- 76	.316		64- 91	.703		33	58	91	3.4	823- 30.5	328- 12.1
Walton	20- 14	53- 122	.434		16- 52	.308		42- 68	.618		13	46	59	3.0	584- 29.2	164- 8.2
Goggans	27- 17	63- 164	.384		20- 68	.294		38- 50	.760		16	48	64	2.4	538- 19.9	184- 6.8
Martin	25- 6	41- 96	.427		0- 0	.000		22- 38	.579		28	56	84	3.4	367- 14.7	104- 4.2
Fletcher	20- 3	27- 72	.375		2- 9	.222		17- 32	.531		32	27	59	3.0	278- 13.9	73- 2.7
Grant	25- 1	16- 48	.333		9- 32	.281		2- 4	.500		5	16	21	0.8	202- 8.1	43- 1.7
Stoutt	23- 2	13- 33	.394		0- 0	.000		10- 26	.385		17	20	37	1.6	243- 10.6	36- 1.6
Magee	25- 9	17- 55	.309		0- 1	.000		7- 9	.777		16	24	40	1.6	236- 9.4	41- 1.6
Woodard	23- 4	14- 25	.560		0- 0	.000		6- 17	.353		30	47	77	3.3	256- 11.1	34- 1.5
Oliver	19- 0	5- 26	.192		3- 15	.200		3- 5	.600		1	12	13	0.7	103- 5.4	16- 0.8
Ferrell	22- 1	3- 15	.200		1- 4	.250		5- 9	.555		4	8	12	0.5	219- 10.0	12- 0.5
Seay	2- 0	0- 2	.000		0- 0	.000		1- 2	.500		1	0	1	0.5	13- 6.5	1- 0.5
•Team											64	71	135			
FAMU	27- 27	693-1621	.428		105-358	.293		370- 591	.626		372	729	1101	40.8		1861- 68.9
OPPS	27- 27	706-1801	.392		188-575	.327		503- 755	.667		506	701	1207	44.7		2103- 77.9

•**ASSISTS: FAMU 335:** Walton, 91; Labarrie, 63; Black, 60; Goggans, 41; James, 16; Fletcher, 15; Grant, 11; Ferrell, 9; Magee, 8; Martin, 7; Woodard, 6; Oliver, 4; Stoutt, 3; Seay, 1. **OPPS 387:**

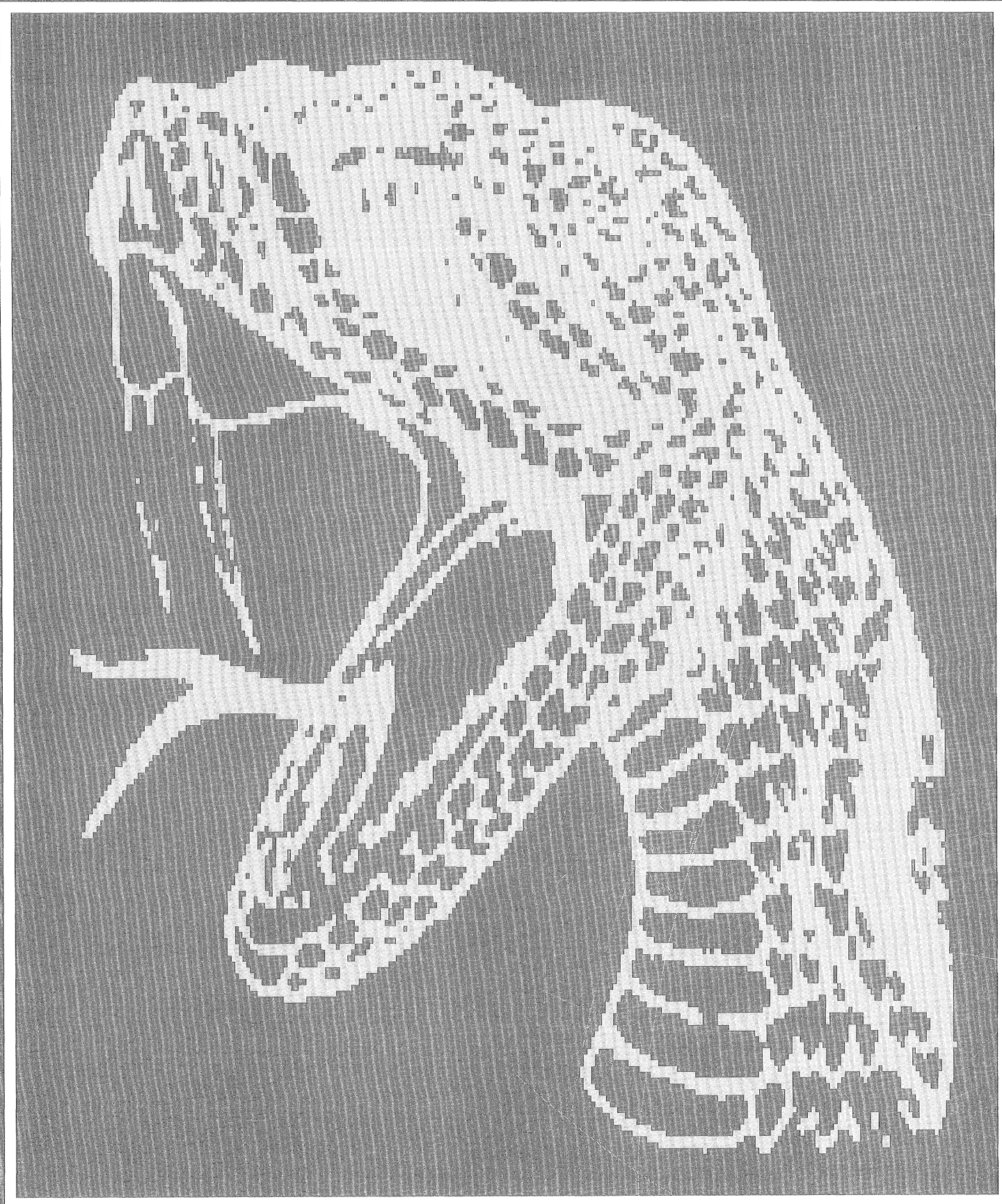
•**BLOCKS: FAMU 161:** James, 119; Black, 16; Martin, 15; Stoutt, 4; Woodard, 3; Fletcher, 1; Magee, 1; Goggans, 1; Labarrie, 1. **OPPS: 65.**

•**STEALS: FAMU 194:** Walton, 41; Black, 37; Goggans, 24; Labarrie, 20; James, 18; Ferrell, 11; Fletcher, 8; Stoutt, 8; Grant, 7; Martin, 7; Magee, 6; Oliver, 4; Woodard, 2; Seay, 1. **OPPS: 246**

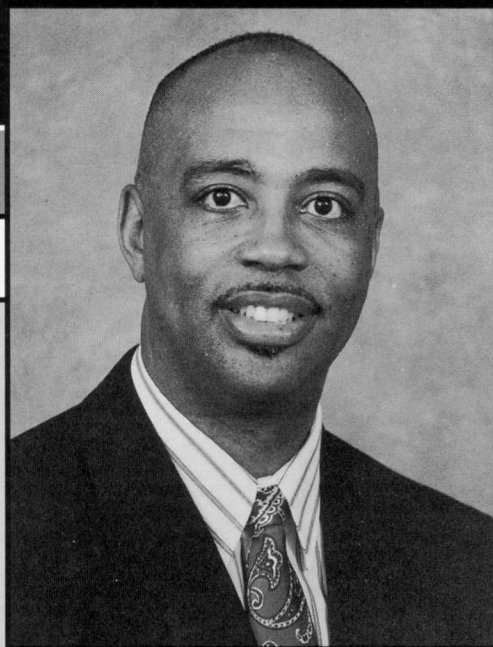
1996-97 SCORECARD • 8-19, 8-10 in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Date	Opponent	Score	Site	Attend	Streak	Leading Scorer	Leading Rebounder
11-22	Boston University	54-85	*N	2367	-1	Labarrie 23p	James 9r
11-23	Holy Cross	59-66	*N	1869	-2	James 25p	James 14r
11-27	at Ala-Birmingham	50-83	A	3783	-3	James 11p	Woodard 8
11-30	at Dayton (Ohio)	58-89	A	10,294	-4	James 19p	Woodard 6
12-2	at Xavier (Ohio)	64-95	A	7369	-5	Black 16p	Two Players w/10r
12-7	at South Alabama	53-81	A	632	-6	James 15p	James 9r
12-19	at Georgia Southern	72-82	A	1067	-7	Labarrie 16p	James 11r
12-28	AUBURN**	57-95	CCC	1789	-8	Black 27p	Magee 5r
1-4	*at Hampton (Va.)	79-81ot	A	876	-9	James 23p	James 17r
1-11	*MARYLAND-E.S.	83-79ot	H	2215	+1	James 16p	Black 16r
1-13	*DELAWARE ST.	69-56	H	1850	+2	Two w/19	James 10r
1-18	*N. CAROLINA A&T	66-79	H	2210	-1	Black 16p	Black 12r
1-20	*S. CAROLINA ST.	68-63	H	3057	+1	Walton 17p	James 8r
1-23	*at Howard (D.C.)	62-77	A	2750	-1	Labarrie 16p	Two Players w/8r
1-25	*at Coppin (Md.) St.	67-84	A	1658	-2	Labarrie 18p	James 10r
1-27	*at Morgan (Md.) St.	64-67	A	1250	-3	Black 17p	Black 7r
2-1	*at S. Carolina State	65-82	A	1916	-4	James 24p	James 10r
2-3	*at N. Carolina A&T	79-91	A	2962	-5	James 18p	James 9r
2-5	*HAMPTON (Va.)	89-78	H	2230	+1	Black 26p	James 10r
2-8	*at Bethune-Cookman	84-89	A	5783	-1	Goggans 21p	Black 8r
2-13	*HOWARD (D.C.)	86-68	H	2217	+1	Walton 21p	Labarrie 10r
2-15	*COPPIN STATE	86-82	H	1757	+2	Black 22 p	James 7r
2-17	*MORGAN STATE	64-54	H	1171	+3	Labarrie 20p	James 12r
2-22	*at Maryland-E.S.	76-85	A	1377	-1	James 19p	Black 8r
22-4	*at Delaware State	80-84ot	A	1387	-2	James 38p	James 13r
3-1	*BETHUNE-COOKMAN	66-58	H	3893	+1	Black 20p	Black 10r
3-6	Bethune-Cookman	61-70	+N	1359	-1	Black 18p	James 13r

[*N]-Washington, D.C. [CC]-Capitol City Classic, Tallahassee (Civic Center); [*]-Conference Games; [+N]-MEAC Tournament, Norfolk, Va.



The Rattler Coaching Staff



MICKEY CLAYTON

Head Men's Basketball Coach

Florida A&M '75 • Third Year

On May 2, 1997, a dream was realized. Michael "Mickey" Clayton, a second generation Rattler

Basketballer earned what literally could be considered a battlefield promotion upon being named permanent men's basketball coach at Florida A&M University.

And the road to that battlefield promotion was one filled with days and nights of frustration and uncertainty as Clayton fought to hold true to the vision of the Rattler Basketball program as it once was - during the times of his father Mack in the 1950s and his own playing days in the mid 1970s.

Getting the current program, whose fortunes had sagged to the depths of Division One basketball after a nifty run of success in the late 1980s and early 1990s, back to a competitive level would be a daunting task for anyone.

But Clayton may indeed be the man for the job.

In 1977, then-President Walter L. Smith asked Clayton, who was working at the school as a counselor, to take on the building of the women's basketball program at FAMU into a viable entity.

With virtually no recruiting budget and little more than a small stipend to speak of, Clayton took it upon himself to develop a network of contacts to help in recruiting. He travelled near and far in his personal car and at his own expense to build the Rattlerettes into one of the most formidable and feared programs in Division One.

As women's coach for 13 seasons, the energetic

mentor who hails from Melbourne, Florida, compiled a 199-138 record with two 20-win seasons and seven seasons of 18 or more victories.

His finest season was the 1985-86 campaign when his club won a Division One best 13 straight games, capturing the New South Women's Conference regular season and tournament titles.

Clayton's women's teams were known for their uptempo offensive style which was fueled in large part by their dizzying array of defensive schemes ranging from intense man-to-man sets to various pressure and trapping sets.

His women's clubs scared the living daylights out of the women's basketball elite, upsetting the likes of Auburn, Mississippi State, Miami and Florida State, while challenging the likes of Georgia and Louisiana Tech during his tenure.

For his efforts, Clayton was enshrined in the Florida A&M University Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, along

THE CLAYTON FILE

At Florida A&M University

As Women's Coach

Year	Record	
1977-78	4-	15
1978-79	14-	11
1979-80	18-	11
1980-81	18-	11
1981-82	18-	11
1982-83	15-	11
1983-84	19-	8
1984-85	19-	9
1985-86	21-	8
1986-87	16-	13
1987-88	21-	9
1988-89	11-	17
1989-90	5-	4

13 Years 199- 138

As Men's Coach

Year	Record	
1995-96	2-	6
1996-97	8-	19
1997-98	0-	0
2 Years	10-	25

Career Record

16 Years+ 209- 163

MICKEY CLAYTON (con't)

with one of his All-Americans, sharpshooting guard Cynthia Lee.

In fact Lee is one of several Clayton products (Sybil Rivers, Claudette Farmer, Rosa Hudgins-Browning) in the Hall.

"That was a special moment for me," Clayton recalls. "To be recognized for my contributions to the women's program really made me feel appreciated. To be honored with people like Bob Hayes, Rey Robinson and Jake Gaither in the Hall of Fame makes you feel real humble."

Once Clayton got into coaching, he entertained hopes of mentoring a men's basketball team on the college level. Obviously, the Florida A&M job would have been the ideal for this former Rattler.

"When I started coaching, I did hope to one day coach the men's program, but later on, I wasn't sure it would happen," reflected Clayton, who was reassigned by the university nine games into his 13th season as women's coach.

He worked in athletics as an assistant athletic director for facilities and NCAA compliance, bringing his considerable energy, creativity and his overwhelming desire to see the best happen for FAMU to bear on the demanding job.

By 1990 the itch to prowl the sidelines, to push and cajole basketball players to see the vision of basketball success that he himself had experienced began to nip at him. Then men's coach Willie Booker of FAMU afforded Clayton a chance to get experience on a men's coaching staff.

The result was nothing short of a miracle as the Rattlers, which had had two trips to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Tournament finals in the three years prior to Clayton's joining the staff, stunned the league and the FAMU faithful by winning the 1991 tournament title.

Along the way, FAMU upset three of the tournament's top seeds including regular season champ Coppin State in the semifinals and second-seeded Delaware State in a thrilling overtime finals victory that capped off the biggest upset run in conference tournament history.

Although he interviewed for several men's coaching jobs in the intervening years, his dream of becoming a men's basketball coach was a dream deferred until the winter of 1996, when his alma mater once again called on Clayton to come to the rescue.

FAMU finished the final eight games of the 1995-96 season 2-6, finishing 8-19 overall. The Rattlers posted a seemingly identical 8-19 mark last season, Clayton's first full men's campaign, but the similarity ends with the numbers.

The Rattlers compiled their best home record (8-1) in four years and their 8-10 conference record allowed them to turn in their best league finish (5th) in five years.

An 86-82 win over eventual conference champion Coppin State (Feb. 15 at Tallahassee) cemented the feeling that FAMU had finally turned the corner and that Mickey Clayton was deserving of a chance at bringing the program all the way back.

Preseason magazines apparently shared in the school's confidence in their alumnus (Class of 1975), as the various publications picked FAMU to finish in the MEAC's upper division for the first time since 1992.

The Rattlers were picked to

finish as high as third to not lower than fifth in the 11-team league, which is another positive sign considering that until last season, the Rattlers had finished dead last three consecutive years (1994-95-96) after a run of luck that saw FAMU reach the MEAC finals four times in a five-year period.

Clayton's love for the game of basketball was probably passed down from his father, Mack, a star player for the Rattlers in the early 1950s.

The elder Clayton was a part of the 1952 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title winners, who won the tournament with just four players against Alabama State in a now-fabled double overtime thriller.

Coach Mack, who coached in the Brevard County school system for over 20 years certainly instilled a drive to excel and a love for sports in his son, who was more into football and baseball during his formative years. "I really was into baseball so much that I knew starting lineups and batting averages of major league teams," the die-hard Cleveland Indians' fan recalls.

He didn't get into basketball until high school and that late start probably hurt the development of his talents.

But living with a coach didn't hurt the learning of the nuances of the game, lessons which have served him well in his own coaching experiences.

The past season and a half allowed him to work closely and spend a lot of time with his father, who volunteered to help his son's revival efforts. "It was really good to work with my dad during that time. It meant a lot to have someone to give you advice and meant so much to see former alumni and some of his

classmates get a chance to see him.

"Some of them hadn't seen each other since they left FAMU and that part of it - the time spent with him - made it all worthwhile," Clayton reflected.

As he prepares for his first season as permanent coach, Clayton has had time to reflect on those who were most influential on him as a coach.

"Being a graduate of FAMU, it is easy for me to explain to the players some of the traditions that make Rattler Basketball so special. Like reviving the attitude that our 1972 team had when they made a pact to not lose at home after our coach (Edward "Rockjaw" Ogelsby) had died.

"One of the reasons we use the south goal in the second half to this day is because it was under that goal or on that side of the gym where his (Ogelsby's) body was during the funeral. And we felt that goal was good

luck for us," Clayton recalls.

"Coach Ogelsby believed in an uptempo game offensively and that's where a lot of my own philosophy came from.... Coach Ajac Triplett (Ogelsby's eventual successor) was a great bench coach, who really made good adjustments during the game.

"Much of the pressure defenses I learned from Rick Pitino (he attended New York Knicks' summer camps and studied tapes and other materials extensively) and my man-to-man stuff I took from Bobby Knight," Clayton explains.

During his days as women's coach, the FAMU crowds used to be some of the most vocal in their support of the Rattlerettes and they proved to be a big advantage to his teams during those years. Does he see a similar type of support building for his regime?

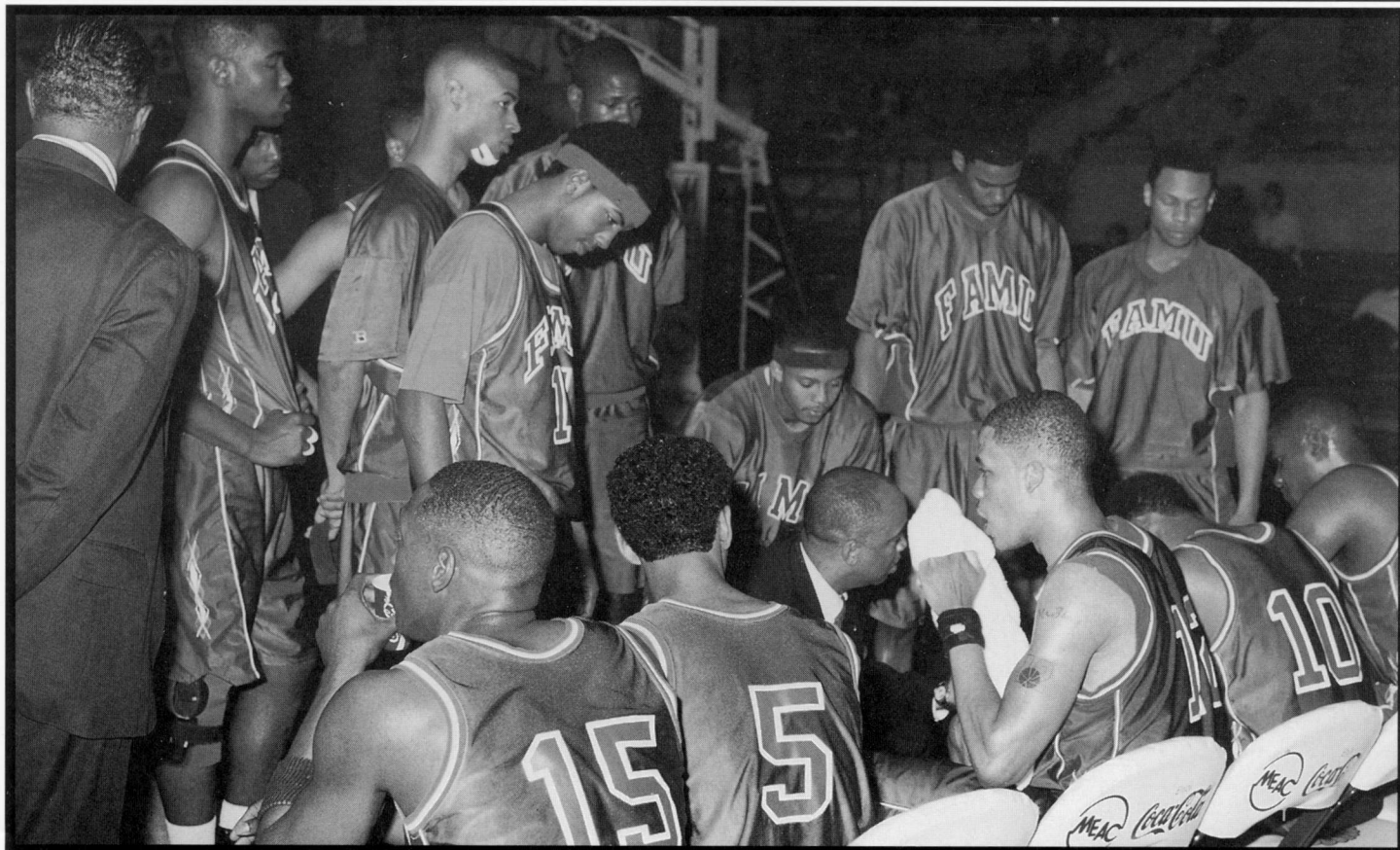
"For the most part, people have been supportive. Fans have stopped me in the street or in stores telling me to

'Hang in there Mickey. We know it's only a matter of time until you get things the way they need to be.' But I don't figure they'll really get behind us emotionally until we prove that we're a never say die team, that won't give up.

That's what won the fans over to our women's teams - our never say die attitude," Clayton says.

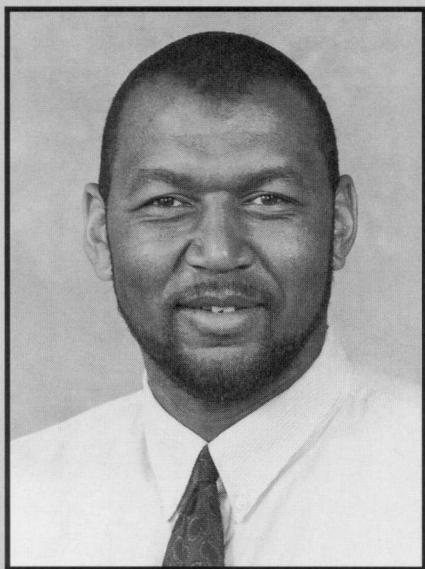
Now that his dream deferred - being men's coach at FAMU - is now a dream realized, what is his ultimate goal for the program, besides winning of course: "I would like for FAMU to be the first historically Black college to reach the Sweet 16. it would be a big step toward winning a national title and it would be something no team has ever done," Clayton says.

To reach that level of success, the Rattlers' mindset must, according to Clayton include a measure of expectancy. "We have to get back to the way we were traditionally at FAMU, where we expected to win period."



Rattler coach **Mickey Clayton (center)** gives instructions to FAMU team during timeout in their Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament first-round game against Bethune-Cookman last March.

Rattler Assistant Coaches



CLEMON JOHNSON

Assistant Coach

Florida A&M '81 • First Year

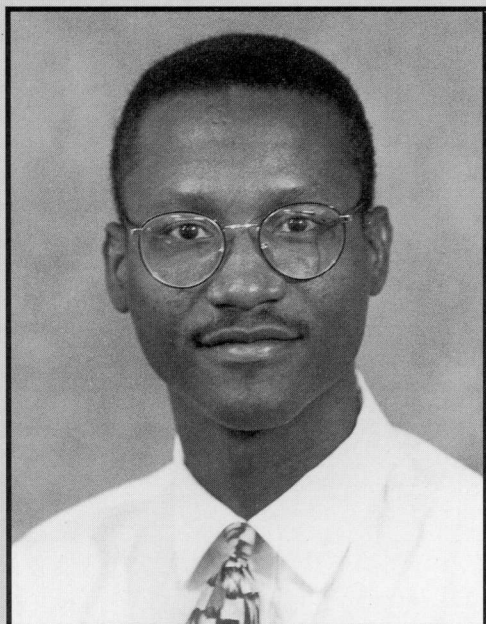
The all-time rebounding leader in FAMU history, Clemon "C.J." Johnson rejoined his old college basketball teammate, Mickey Clayton in his building of Rattler Basketball into a nationally competitive program.

Johnson, a native of nearby Monticello, Florida, came on board Clayton's staff in the summer, after serving as head boys' basketball coach at Quincy (Fla.) Shanks High School for three years (1995, 1996, 1997).

He returned to the Big Bend area after a long professional basketball career which spanned 15 years in the NBA and the Italian League. Drafted by the Portland Trailblazers in 1978, Johnson also played with Indiana (1979-83); the Philadelphia 76ers (1983-86), coming on board in time for their World title run with Julius Erving in 1983; Seattle Supersonics (1986-88) and from 1988 to 1993 in Italy.

Before assuming the head coaching job at Quincy Shanks, Johnson was an assistant boys coach at his prep alma mater, Florida A&M High School for one season (1994-95).

Johnson had 1,494 career rebounds at FAMU (1975-78) and still holds single-season (412 in 1977-78) and single-game (25, vs. Morris Brown, 2-9-76). He also averaged 12.3 points per game during his career, ranking among the school's top 15 scorers all time. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from FAMU (1981).



RONNIE BRYANT

Assistant Coach

Florida International '88 • First Year

A former standout backcourt ace for Florida International University, Bryant will bring an high level of enthusiasm and experience to both coaching and recruiting duties here at Florida A&M.

Bryant's backcourt expertise as a player will be definite plus for Coach Clayton's rebuilding schemes and his familiarity with the junior college and high school scene will be extremely helpful, in the recruiting arena.

The South Florida native has a bachelor's degree in management from FIU and a masters' degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy.

He came to Florida A&M from Broward Community College in Coconut Creek, Florida, where he had served in a varied number of roles, including men's head basketball coach from 1995 through this past winter.



Coaching Support Staff



AKIMA ABRAKATA

Head Athletic Trainer

Coordinator of Sports Medicine

Lincoln (Mo.) '85 • 9th Season at FAMU

Ms. Abrakata ascended to the role of Head Athletic Trainer at Florida A&M University, in July 1994, having been an integral part of the FAMU Sports Medicine staff since 1988.

A native of Nigeria, West Africa, Ms. Abrakata was a former track All-America at Lincoln (Mo.) University in both 1981 and 1982, performing in the javelin and high jump. She graduated from Lincoln with a B.S. in Health and Physical Education in 1985. She obtained a master's in Sports Medicine, from the United States Sports Academy in Mobile, Alabama and received her formal certification as an athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) in November 1993.

She began her sports medicine career at the University of South Alabama as a graduate assistant trainer (1987-88), before coming to Florida A&M in the fall of 1988 to fill a similar role for one year. Ms. Abrakata was then elevated to Assistant Athletic Trainer in August of 1989.

Prior to her promotion to Head Athletic Trainer in 1994, she had twice served as the interim head athletic trainer in the 1989-90 school year and again in the winter and spring of 1993-94.

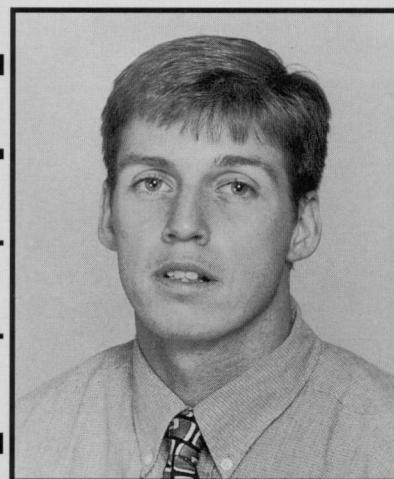


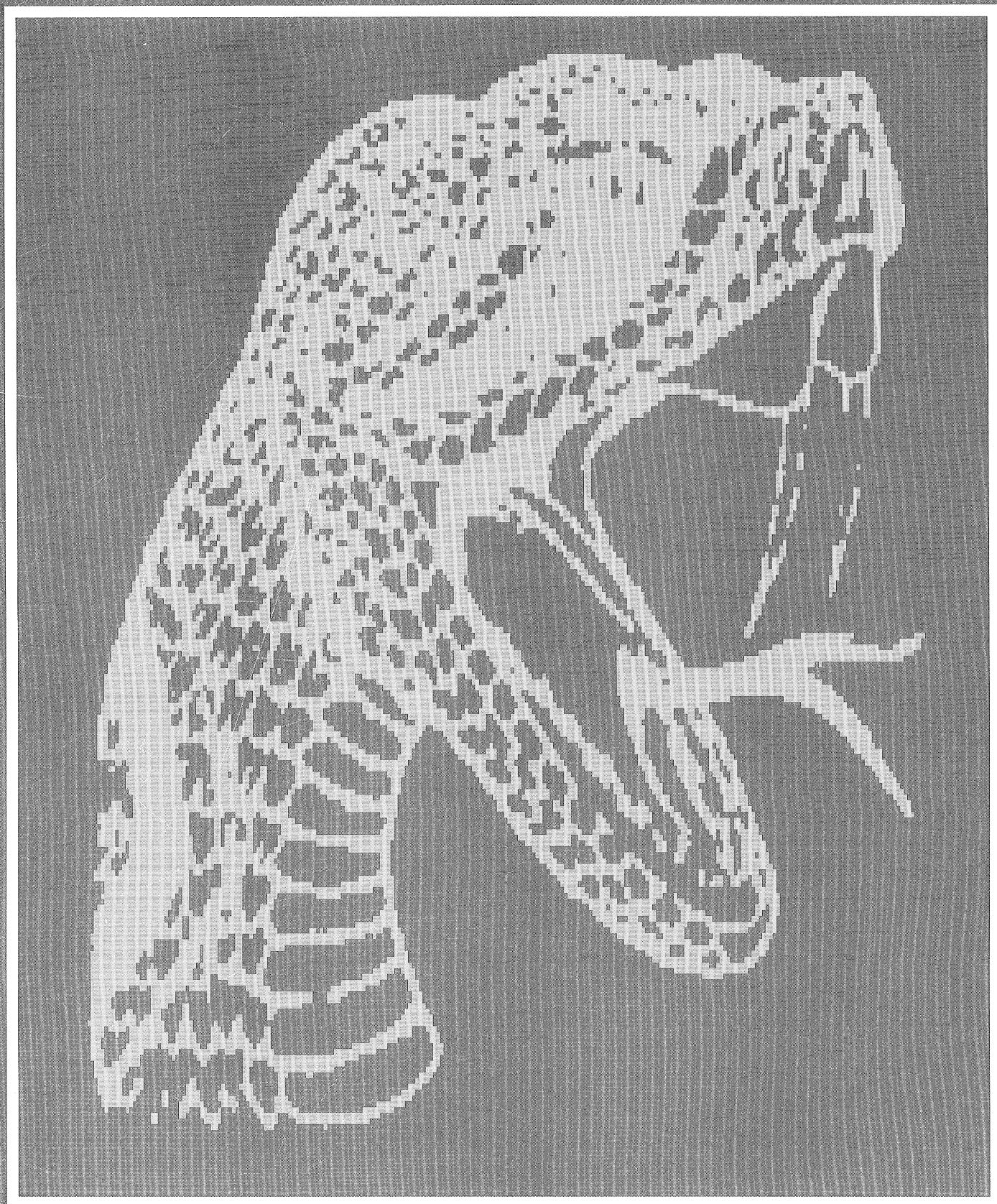
TOMMY RAY

Graduate Assistant

Trainer

Men's Basketball





The Opposing Lineup of '98

1997-98 FAMU Rattler Opponent Capsules

LONG BEACH STATE

"49ers"

November 15, 1997 at LBSU

Location: Long Beach, CA

Conference: Big West

Nickname: 49ers

Homecourt: The Pyramid (5,000)

Head Coach: Wayne Morgan

Record at LBSU: 13-14, 1 year

Career Record: 13-14, 1 year

1996-97 Record: 13-14

Starters Lost: Five (5)

Returning Starters: None

Basketball SID: Dan Smith

SID Office Phone: (562) 985-7565

SID Office Fax: (562) 985-8197

FRESNO STATE

"Bulldogs"

November 17, 1997 at Fresno

Location: Fresno, CA

Conference: Western Athletic (WAC)

Nickname: Bulldogs

Homecourt: Selland Arena (10,159)

Head Coach: Jerry Tarkanian

Record at FSU: 42-23, 2 years

Career Record: 667-145, 26 years

1996-97 Record: 20-12

Starters Lost: (3) - G Kendric Brooks, G

Rahsaan Smith, G Dominik Young

Returning Starters: (2) - F Daymond Forney,
G Chris Herren.

Basketball SID: Dave Haglund

SID Office Phone: (209) 278-2509

SID Office Fax: (209) 278-4689

JACKSONVILLE

"Dolphins"

November 20, 1997 at Jacksonville

December 2, 1997 at Tallahassee

Location: Jacksonville, FL

Conference: Sun Belt

Nickname: Dolphins

Homecourt: Jacksonville Coliseum

Head Coach: Hugh Durham

Record at JU: 0-0, 1st year

Career Record: 528-311, 29 years

1996-97 Record: 5-23

Starters Lost: One (1) - C Josh Krieger

Returning Starters: (4) - G John Knox; F
Farnell Charles; G Aaron Fox and F Micah
Ross

Basketball SID: TBA

SID Office Phone: (904) 745-7402

SID Office Fax: (904) 743-0067

TROY STATE

"Trojans"

November 25, 1997 at Tallahassee

Location: Troy, AL

Conference: Trans America

Nickname: Trojans

Homecourt: Sartain Hall (5,000)

Head Coach: Don Maestri

Record at TSU: 263-162, 15 years

Career Record: 263-162, 15 years

1996-97 Record: 16-11

Key Returnees: G Chris Haskins; G Donshea
Mayfield; F Terry Pickett.

Basketball SID: Tom Ensey

SID Office Phone: (334) 670-3480

SID Office Fax: (334) 670-3278

AUBURN

"Tigers"

December 6 at Auburn, AL

Location: Auburn, AL

Conference: Southeastern (SEC)

Nickname: Tigers, War Eagles

Homecourt: Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum
(10,108)

Head Coach: Cliff Ellis

Record at AU: 51-41, 3 years

Career Record: 399-253, 22 years

1996-97 Record: 16-15

Starters Lost: Two (2) - C Pat Burke; G Wes
Flanigan

Returning Starters: Three (3) - G Daymeon
Fishback; G Doc Robinson; F Franklin
Williams.

Basketball SID: Chuck Galina

SID Office Phone: (334) 844-9701

SID Office Fax: (334) 844-9708

DELAWARE STATE

“Hornets”

**December 14 at Dover, DE
February 28 at Tallahassee**

Location: Dover, DE
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Homecourt: Memorial Hall (3,000)
Nickname: Hornets
Head Coach: James Dubose
Record at DSU: 0-0, 1st year
Career Record: 0-0, 1st year
1996-97 Record: 7-20
Key Returnees: G/F Terence Hood; F Brian Parker.
Basketball SID: Dennis Jones
SID Office Phone: (302) 739-4926
SID Fax Phone: (302) 739-5241

COPPIN STATE

“Eagles”

**December 16 at Baltimore, MD
February 26 at Tallahassee**

Location: Baltimore, MD
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Nickname: Eagles
Homecourt: Coppin Center (3,000)
Head Coach: Ron “Fang” Mitchell
Record at CSC: 205-120, 11 years
Career Record: 205-120, 11 years
1996-97 Record: 22-9
Key Returnees: G Antoine Brockington; F/C Kareem Lewis; G Danny Singletary; G/F Fred Warwick
Basketball SID: David Popham
SID Office Phone: (410) 383-5642
SID Fax Phone: (410) 383-2511

PURDUE

“Boilermakers”

December 22, 1997 at PU

Location: West Lafayette, IN
Conference: Big 10
Homecourt: Keady Arena (14,123)
Nickname: Boilermakers
Head Coach: Gene Keady
Record at PU: 366-160, 17 years
Career Record: 404-179, 19 years
1996-97 Record: 18-12
Starters Lost: None
Returning Starters: G Chad Austin, F Brian

Cardinal, G Alan Eldridge, G Brad Miller, F Mike Robinson

Basketball SID: Mark Adams

SID Office Phone: (765) 494-3197

SID Fax Phone: (765) 494-5447

LIBERTY

“Flames”

December 30 at Tallahassee

Location: Lynchburg, VA
Conference: Big South
Nickname: Flames
Homecourt: Vines Center (9,000)
Head Coach: Jeff Meyer
Record at LU: 259-206, 16 years
Career Record: 259-206, 16 years
1996-97 Record: 23-9
Key Returnees: F/C Jeremy Day; G Larry Jackson; G Mark Reed; F Erik Sorensen; G Nick Wright.
Basketball SID: Mike Montoro
SID Office Phone: (804) 582-2292
SID Fax Phone: (804) 582-2076

MORGAN STATE

“Bears”

**January 3 at Tallahassee
January 31 at Baltimore**

Location: Baltimore, MD
Nickname: Bears
Homecourt: Baltimore City CC Gym (1,000)
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Head Coach: Chris Fuller
Record at MSU: 16-38, 2 years
Career Record: 161-137, 10 years
1996-97 Record: 9-18
Key Returnees: F O'Tes Alston; G Tremaine Byrd; G/F Rasheed Sparks.
Basketball SID: Joe McIver
SID Office Phone: (410) 319-3831
SID Fax Phone: (410) 319-3221

HOWARD

“Bison”

**January 5 at Tallahassee
February 2 at Washington, D.C.**
Location: Washington, D.C.
Nickname: Bison

Homecourt: Burr Gymnasium (2,500)
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Head Coach: Mike McLeese
Record at HU: 23-58, 3 years
Career Record: 23-58, 3 years
1996-97 Record: 7-20
Key Returnees: F Jemaine Holliway; G/F Xavier Singletary; G Melvin Watson.
Basketball SID: Edward Hill, Jr.
SID Office Phone: (202) 806-7182/7184
SID Fax Phone: (202) 806-9595

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

“Bulldogs”

January 10 at Orangeburg, SC

February 7 at Tallahassee

Location: Orangeburg, SC
Nickname: Bulldogs
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Homecourt: Smith-Hammond Memorial Center (3,200)
Head Coach: Cy Alexander
Record at SCSU: 164-126, 10 years
Career Record: 164-126, 10 years
1996-97 Record: 14-14
Key Returnees: G Roderick Blakney; F Bobby McGowens; C Raheem Waller.
Basketball SID: Bill Hamilton
SID Office Phone: (803) 536-7060
SID Fax Phone: (803) 536-8622

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

“Aggies”

January 12 at Greensboro, NC

February 9 at Tallahassee

Location: Greensboro, NC
Nickname: Aggies
Homecourt: Corbett Center (8,500)
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Head Coach: Roy Thomas
Record at A&T: 40-45, 3 years
Career Record: 282-183, 13 years
1996-97 Record: 15-13
Key Returnees: G Tarik Beasley; G Dexter Cannon; G Jon Richmond.
Basketball SID: Bradford J. Evans
SID Office Phone: (910) 334-7141
SID Fax Phone: (910) 334-7181

HAMPTON

“Pirates”

January 17 at Tallahassee
February 14 at Hampton, VA

Location: Hampton, VA
Nickname: Pirates
Homecourt: Hampton Convocation Center (7,200)
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Head Coach: Steve Merfeld
Record at HU: 0-0, 1st year
Career Record: 0-0, 1st year
1996-97 Record: 8-19
Key Returnees: F Doug Belton; G Torrey Farrington; G Brent Johnson.
Basketball SID: LeCounte Conaway
SID Office Phone: (757) 727-5811
SID Fax Phone: (757) 727-5813

MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE

“Hawks”

January 19 at Tallahassee

February 16 at Princess Anne

Location: Princess Anne, MD
Nickname: Hawks
Homecourt: Tawes Gym (1,200)
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Head Coach: Lonnie Williams
Record at UMES: 11-17, 1 year
Career Record: 162-140, 11 years
1996-97 Record: 11-17
Key Returnees: G Marcus Cheek; G Cryhten Langhorne; F William Wright.
Basketball SID: Romanda Nobles
SID Office Phone: (410) 651-6499
SID Fax Phone: (410) 651-7600

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

“Wildcats”

January 24 at Daytona Beach

February 21 at Tallahassee

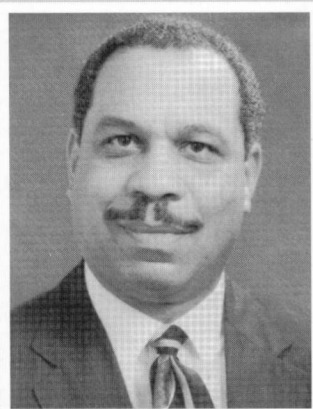
Location: Daytona Beach, Florida
Nickname: Wildcats
Homecourt: Moore Gym (3,000)
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Head Coach: Horace Broadnax
Record at B-CC: 0-0, 1st year
Career Record: 0-0, 1st year
1996-97 Record: 12-16
Key Returnees: G Freddie Cole; G Joe Harrell; G Johnny McClenton.
Basketball SID: Charles Jackson
SID Office Phone: (904) 258-7621
SID Fax Phone: (904) 253-4231

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

10-Team Division One League Founded In 1970

Established in 1970, the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference**, is made up of 10 schools with a common purpose - that of pursuing competitive excellence on the NCAA Division One level.

Guided by **Commissioner Charles Harris**, the MEAC has seen its'



CHARLES HARRIS
Commissioner

overall competitive level improve in recent years to the point that eight sports (**football, baseball, men's basketball, men's tennis, women's volleyball, women's basketball, women's tennis and women's softball**) will be sending teams to NCAA championship play this school year.

The league is in its' 27th year of operation, and member schools include **Bethune-Cookman College** (Daytona Beach, Fla.), **Coppin State College**

(Baltimore, Md.), **Delaware State College** (Dover, Del.), **Florida A&M University** (Tallahassee, Fla.), **Hampton University** (Hampton, Va.), **Howard University** (Washington, D.C.), **the University of Maryland at Eastern Shore** (Princess Anne, Md.), **Morgan State University** (Baltimore, Md.), **Norfolk State University** (Norfolk, Va.), **North Carolina A&T State University** (Greensboro, N.C.) and **South Carolina State University** (Orangeburg, S.C.).

The league's tournament title winner receives an automatic bid into the NCAA Division One Tournament and several years, the conference had sent a representative to the National Invitational Tournament.

After a bit of a nomadic existence the past three years (Baltimore, Tallahassee, Norfolk), the **MEAC Tournament** has found a home for the next three years - **Richmond, Virginia**. Both the men's and women's tournaments will be staged in this basketball hotbed.

Coppin State College has been the dominant men's program in the 1990s, winning or sharing **eight of the last nine regular season MEAC titles** and they reign as the **defending regular season**

Season Champions

1997	Coppin State
1996	Coppin/South Carolina St.
1995	Coppin State
1994	Coppin State
1993	Coppin State
1992	Howard
1991	Coppin State
1990	Coppin State
1989	South Carolina State
1988	North Carolina A&T
1987	Howard
1986	North Carolina A&T
1985	North Carolina A&T
1984	North Carolina A&T
1983	Howard
1982	North Carolina A&T
1981	North Carolina A&T
1980	Howard
1979	North Carolina A&T
1978	North Carolina A&T
1977	South Carolina State
1976	North Carolina A&T
1975	North Carolina A&T
1974	Maryland-Eastern Shore
1973	Maryland-Eastern Shore
1972	North Carolina A&T

Tournament Winners

1997	Coppin State
1996	South Carolina State
1995	North Carolina A&T
1994	North Carolina A&T
1993	Coppin State
1992	Howard
1991	Florida A&M
1990	Coppin State
1989	South Carolina State
1988	North Carolina A&T
1987	North Carolina A&T
1986	North Carolina A&T
1985	North Carolina A&T
1984	North Carolina A&T
1983	North Carolina A&T
1982	North Carolina A&T
1981	Howard
1980	Howard
1979	North Carolina A&T
1978	North Carolina A&T
1977	Morgan State
1976	North Carolina A&T
1975	North Carolina A&T
1974	Maryland-Eastern Shore
1973	North Carolina A&T
1972	North Carolina A&T

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

(visitation) and tournament champs.

However, the all-time kingpin of the league is **North Carolina A&T**, whose men's teams have won **11 regular season titles** and **15 tournament championships**, highlighted by seven straight tournament titles from 1982 through 1988.

Coppin State, under the demanding taskmaster Ron "Fang" Mitchell has won or shared the last five regular season titles, sharing the crown in 1996 with **South Carolina State**.

CSC stunned the NCAA elite last season in the NCAA Tournament, upsetting second-seeded **South Carolina** in the opening round and falling to **Texas** in the second round by a hair, after rallying from an 18-point second half deficit.

For Florida A&M, which appears in the early throes of a renaissance under current head coach Mickey Clayton, the 1991 season was their lone tournament championship season.

FAMU knocked off three of the tournament's top four seeds including Coppin State, to win the crown.

Florida A&M has been the dominant athletic program overall in the league since their return in 1987, having captured seven (7) men's all-sports trophies and six (6) women's all-sports crown since 1988.

MEAC All-Sports Awards Winners

MEN'S WINNERS

1972-Howard

1973-Morgan State

1974-South Carolina State

1975-South Carolina State

1976-South Carolina State

1977-South Carolina State

1978-South Carolina State

1979-South Carolina State

1980-South Carolina State

1981-South Carolina State

1982-South Carolina State

1983-South Carolina State

1984-South Carolina State

1985-Delaware State

1986-Delaware State

1987-Howard

1988-Howard

1989-Florida A&M

1990-Delaware State

1991-Florida A&M

1992-Florida A&M

1993-Florida A&M

1994-Florida A&M

1995-FAMU and NCA&T

1996-North Carolina A&T

1997-Florida A&M

WOMEN'S WINNERS

1987-Delaware State

1988-Howard

1989-Howard

1990-South Carolina State

1991-Howard

1992-Florida A&M

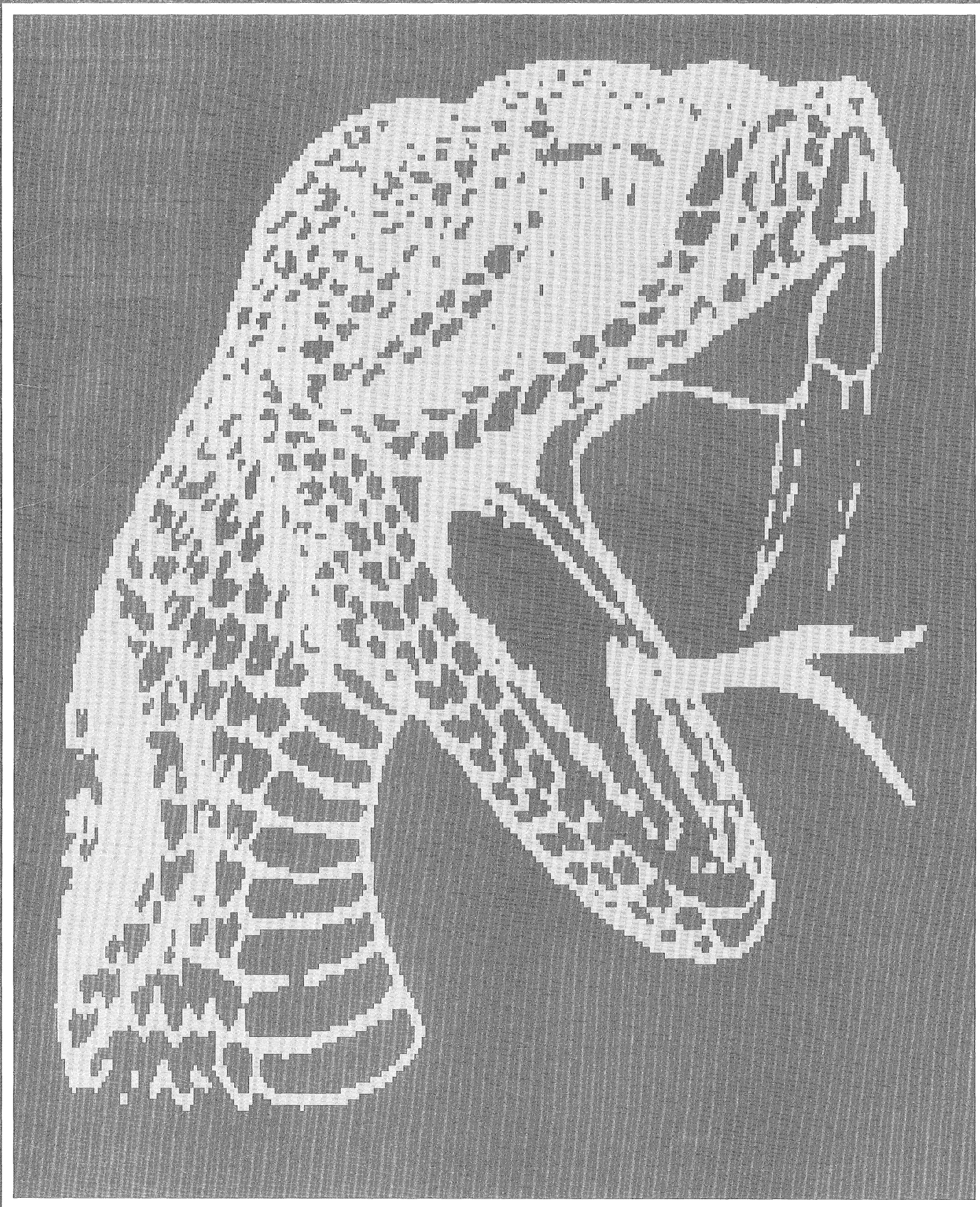
1993-Florida A&M

1994-Florida A&M

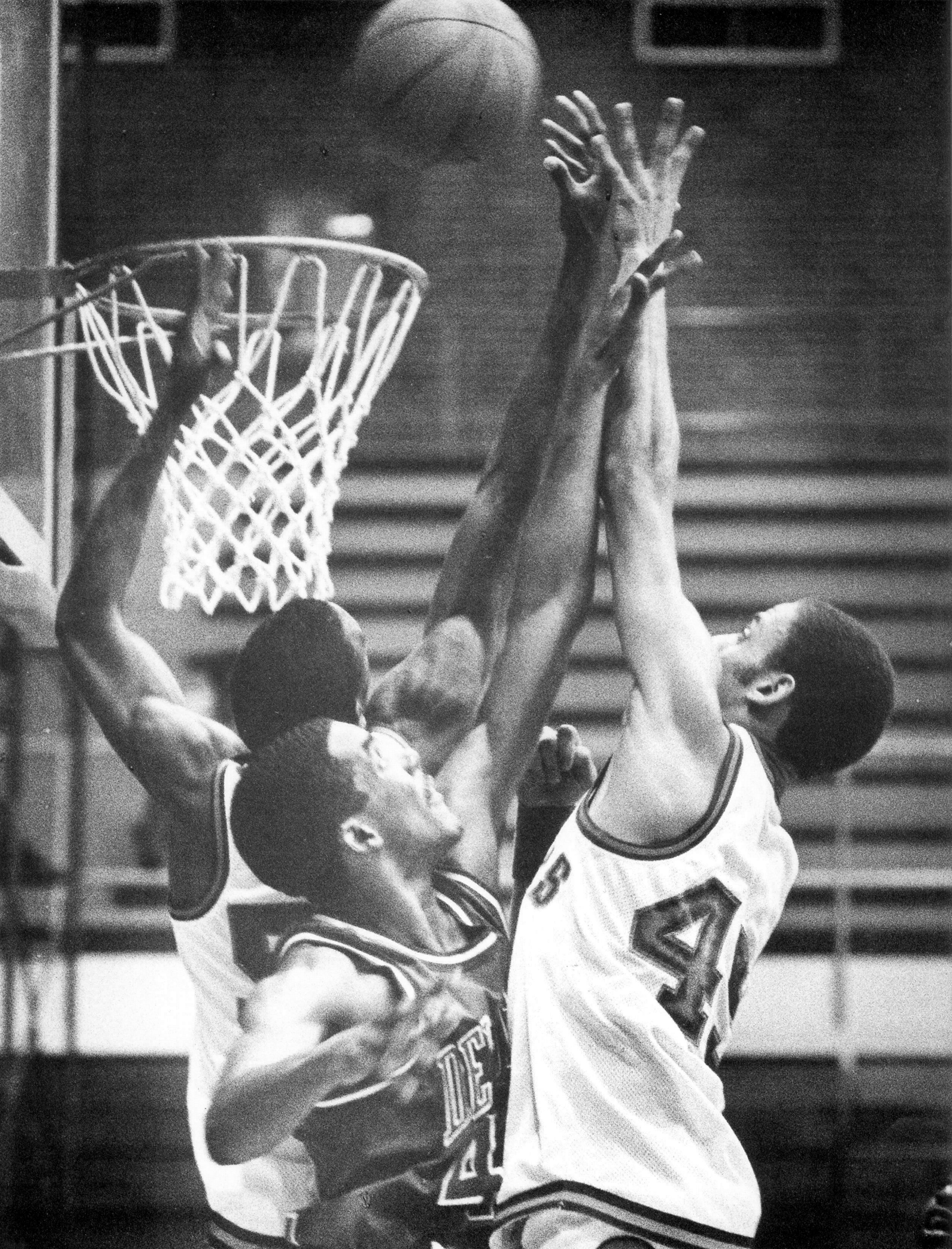
1995-Florida A&M

1996-Florida A&M

1997-Florida A&M



Rattler Basketball Records

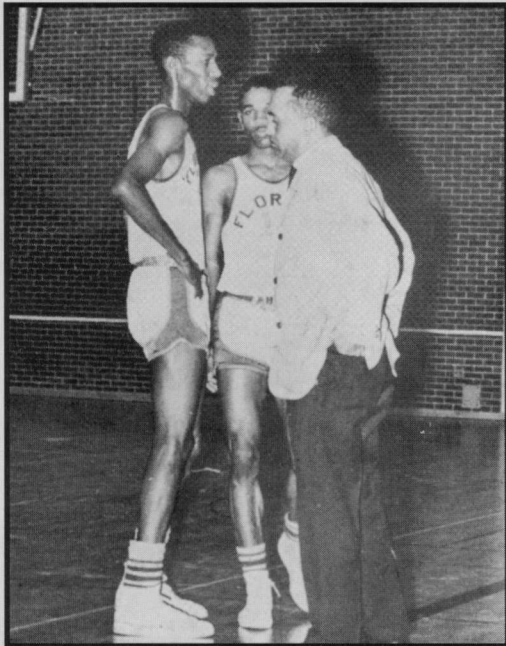


Florida A&M Basketball Historical

Florida A&M's men's basketball has always played second fiddle to football, a program which has brought national attention to the university's athletic endeavors.

Still, men's basketball has its' own distinctive tradition, dating from its' formative years.

In those early days, basketball was played outdoors. Weather and seating problems, among others, limited attendance for the games, thus causing the game to develop slowly in popularity and player effectiveness.



Legendary coach Ed Ogelsby talks strategy with aces Jesse Daniels (left) and Chuggy Caldwell (center) in 1965-66 game.

success for Rattler Basketball came in the finals of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

Florida A&M captured the tournament title, with just four players - **Thomas Hogan, Willie Irvin, Charlie White and John Cuyler** - left due to foul outs. The "**Famed Final Four**," as they've come to be known, played the final 13-plus minutes (including two overtimes), besting Alabama State, 71-67, on their homecourt, for the crown.

Coach Edward "Rock" (or Rockjaw) Ogelsby, is considered

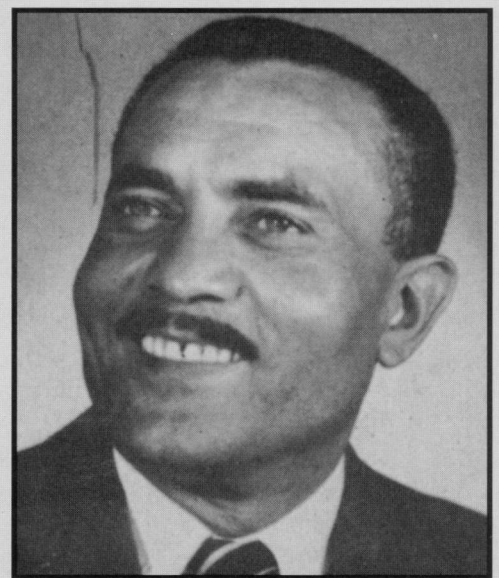
In 1930, Intramural basketball and the annual State High School Tournament were inaugurated by FAMU Athletic Director **W. McKinley King** and faculty member **Albert S. Parks**.

By 1932, the old college chapel had been remodeled, becoming the school's first gymnasium, seating 700.

The first college game in the new gym was against Alabama State Teachers' College (now Alabama State University). McKinley and his successor, **Theodore "Ted" Wright**, are credited with the advent and development of basketball at FAMU.

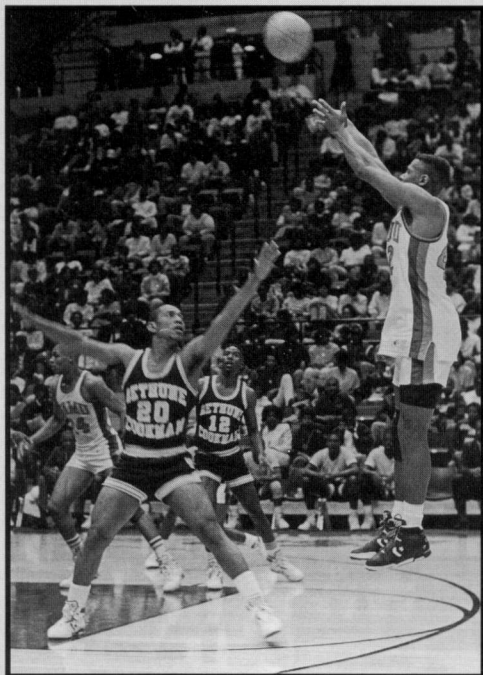
As the years passed, the FAMU basketball program became stronger and by the 1950's, it had become a success story all its' own.

In 1952, probably the singular moment of



Edward "Rock" Ogelsby
FAMU's Basketball Coaching Legend

the greatest mentor in the school's basketball history. Ogelsby compiled an impressive **386-132** record at FAMU from 1950 through 1972, winning 13 SIAC titles.



All-Star forward Leonard King fires from top of key against archrival Bethune-Cookman.

After Ogelsby's death in 1972, the program continued to flourish under **Wendell Meeks** (17-9 in 1973) and **Ajac Triplett** (115-52 from 1973 to 1979).

Other than a 17-11 record in 1980-81, FAMU came up snakeyes in Division One under **James "Josh" Giles** (1980-83) and **Anthony Fields** (1983-84).

In fact, FAMU didn't have another winning season until 1987-88, then they posted a 22-8 record under coach **Willie Booker**, then in his fourth season.

That started a string of five straight winning seasons, which featured four second-place finishes in the last six years of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference play; four tournament finals berths during the same half-decade, highlighted by a tournament championship in 1991.

But **Booker**, who compiled a 137-125 mark in nine seasons, was replaced following the 1993-94 season by

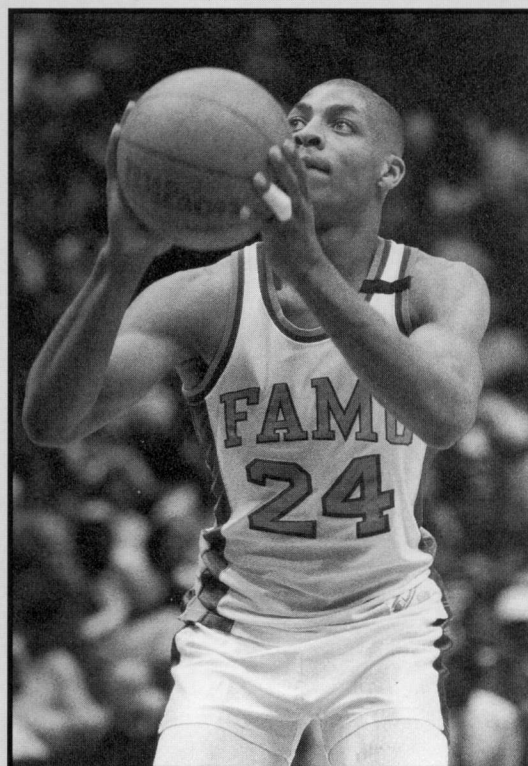
Ronald "Ron" Brown, who in three seasons (1994-96) compiled a 15-58 record.

Brown was relieved in February of 1996, with former Rattler **Mickey Clayton** (Class of '75) taking the reins.

Named the permanent head coach in May 1997, **Clayton** piloted FAMU to a 10-25 record, but an 8-10 MEAC record in 1996-97, good for fifth place, the Rattler finish in five years.

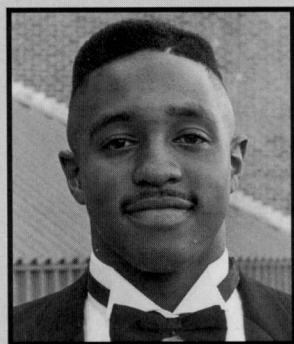
Clayton, an energetic visionary who fashioned the FAMU Women's basketball program into one of the nation's most feared teams from 1977 to 1990, has dreams to returning the Rattlers to their former glory.

Rattler Basketball has yielded several star-caliber players: 1940's sharpshooter **Samuel Hearn**s; former *Harlem Globetrotters* **Tommy Mitchell** and **Leroy "Spike" Gibson** (who later played in the NBA); Former Indiana Pacer **Al Lawson, Sr.**, CBA star scorer **Waite Bellamy**; All-America guard **Aldwin Ware**, who led the nation in steals in 1988; and All-America forward **DeLon Turner**, the school's number two scorer and number three rebounder; and center **Clemon Johnson**, the school's all-time rebounder, who played professionally in the NBA and in Europe.



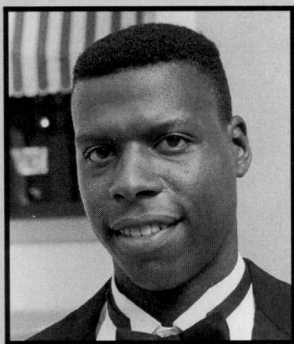
Stellar swingman Reggie Finney eyes basket before critical free throw in 1991 MEAC Tournament title game

Rattler Cagers In The Pros



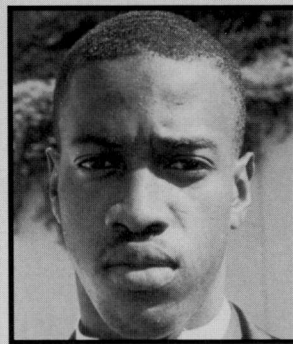
DELON TURNER

France, Israel



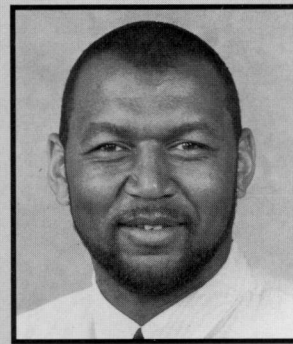
LEONARD KING

Europe, Australia



TERRY GILES

Australia, New Zealand



CLEMON JOHNSON

NBA, Italy

Based On Available Information Only • Updated Information Welcome

Player	League/Team
Bellamy, Waite	Continental League (CBA), 1964-70
Black, Sean	European League, 1997-98
Davis, Ricky	Europe, 1995-96
Finney, Reginald	Continental League (CBA), 1992-94
Gibson, Leroy	Harlem Globetrotters
	Syracuse Nationals (NBA)
Giles, Terry	Australia, New Zealand, 1990-94
Johnson, Clemon	Portland Trailblazers (1978)
	Indiana Pacers (1979-83)
	Philadelphia 76ers (1983-86)
	Seattle Supersonics (1986-88)
	Italian League (1988-93)
King, Leonard	Europe, Australia, 1989-93
Lawson, Alfred	Indiana Pacers
Mitchell, Tommie	Harlem Globetrotters
Turner, DeLon	European League (France), 1993-94
	Israel, 1994-96
Ware, Aldwin	Charlotte Hornets (1988)

All-Time FAMU Basketball Records

COACHING RECORDS

Coach (Seasons)	Record			
	Yrs.	W-	L	Pct.
Ed "Rockjaw" Ogelsby (1949-70 • 1971-72)	22	386-	132	.745
Dennis Jefferson (1970-71)	1	8-	13	.380
Wendell Meeks (1972-73)	1	17-	9	.654
Ajac Triplett (1973-79)	6	115-	52	.688
James "Josh" Giles (1979-83)	4	41-	71	.366
Anthony "Tony" Fields (1983-84)	1	7-	19	.269
Willie Booker (1984-93)	9	137-	125	.523
Ronald "Ron" Brown (1994-96*)	3	15-	58	.205
Mickey Clayton (1996-97)	2	10-	25	.285
Total Since 1949-50	48	736-	504	.593

[*]-Reassigned with eight games left in 1996 season.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

(Season Won-Loss Marks Since 1957-58)

Season	Record		Head Coach
	W-	L	
1957-58	21-	6	Ed Ogelsby
1958-59	22-	6	Ed Ogelsby
1959-60	22-	4	Ed Ogelsby
1960-61	N/	A	Ed Ogelsby
1961-62	25-	1	Ed Ogelsby
1962-63	19-	6	Ed Ogelsby
1963-64	14-	12	Ed Ogelsby
1964-65	12-	9	Ed Ogelsby
1965-66	17-	9	Ed Ogelsby
1966-67	21-	7	Ed Ogelsby
1967-68	18-	8	Ed Ogelsby

1968-69	12-	6	Ed Ogelsby
1969-70	12-	12	Ed Ogelsby
1970-71	8-	13	Dennis Jefferson
1971-72	18-	10	Ed Ogelsby
1972-73	17-	9	Wendell Meeks
1973-74	22-	6	Ajac Triplett
1974-75	17-	9	Ajac Triplett
1975-76	17-	10	Ajac Triplett
1976-77	18-	12	Ajac Triplett
1977-78	23-	6	Ajac Triplett
1978-79	18-	9	Ajac Triplett
1979-80	7-	22	James Giles
1980-81	17-	11	James Giles
1981-82	10-	17	James Giles
1982-83	7-	21	James Giles
1983-84	7-	19	Anthony Fields
1984-85	10-	18	Willie Booker
1985-86	12-	16	Willie Booker
1986-87	12-	16	Willie Booker
1987-88	22-	8	Willie Booker
1988-89	20-	10	Willie Booker
1989-90	18-	11	Willie Booker
1990-91	17-	14	Willie Booker
1991-92	16-	14	Willie Booker
1992-93	10-	18	Willie Booker
1993-94	4-	23	Ron Brown
1994-95	5-	22	Ron Brown
1995-96	6-	13	Ron Brown
	2-	6	Mickey Clayton
1996-97	8-	19	Mickey Clayton

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

- **Most Points (Game)**
53, by Waite Bellamy, vs.
Bethune-Cookman, Feb. 11, 1963.
- **Most Points (Season)**
709, by Willie Collier, 1964-65.
- **Most Points (Career)**
2,029, David Wright, 1966-70.
- **Best Season Scoring Average**
33.0, by Willie Collier (21 games),
1964-65.
- **Best Career Scoring Average**
31.2, by Willie Collier (43 games),
1963-65.
- **Most Rebounds (Game)**
25, by Clemon Johnson, vs.
MorrisBrown, February 9, 1976.
- **Most Rebounds (Season)**
412, by Clemon Johnson (29
games), 1977-78.
- **Most Rebounds (Career)**
1,494, by Clemon Johnson (109
games), 1975-78.
- **Most Assists (Season)**
220, by Kenny Robinson (29
games), 1977-78.
- **Most Assists (Career)**
607, by Terry Giles (115 games),
1987-90.
- **Most Steals (Season)**
*142, by Aldwin Ware (30 games),
1987-88.
- **Most Steals (Game)**
11, by Aldwin Ware, vs. Tuskegee
(Ala.) University, Feb. 24, 1988.
- **Most Blocked Shots (Game)**
11, by Jerome James, vs. Morgan State,
February 17, 1997.
- **Most Blocked Shots (Season)**
119, by Jerome James in 1995-96

(27 games) and 1996-97 (27 games).

• **Most Blocked Shots (Career)**

238, by Jerome James (54 games),
1995-96 through 1996-97.

[*]-Most in NCAA Division One

CAREER RECORDS

CAREER SCORING

(1,000 POINT CLUB)

No.	Player (Seasons)	GP	Pts	Avg.
1.	David Wright (1966-70)	86	2,029	23.6
2.	DeLon Turner (1990-93)	107	1,795	16.8
3.	John Andrews (1970-74)	97	1,726	17.8
4.	Reggie Finney (1989-92)	106	1,638	15.4
5.	Leonard King (1984-89)	107	1,618	15.4
6.	Wayne Barber (1971-75)	108	1,579	14.6
7.	Darryl Spence (1978-82)	110	1,547	14.0
8.	Cleveland Spencer (1972-76)	106	1,478	13.9
9.	Terry Giles (1987-90)	115	1,470	12.8
10.	Paul Grady (1977-81)	108	1,456	13.4
11.	Pete Taylor (1976-79; 80-81)	105	1,426	13.5
12.	Terry Neal (1971-75)	111	1,387	12.5
13.	Aldwin Ware (1984-89)	111	1,382	12.5
14.	Clemon Johnson (1974-79)	112	1,381	12.3
15.	Willie Collier (1963-65)	43	1,345	31.2
16.	Waite Bellamy (1960-63)	57	1,131	19.8
17.	Mervin Jones (1982-85)	75	1,130	15.1
18.	Chalmus Thomas (1971-75)	105	1,120	10.6
19.	Sean Black (1994-97)	108	1,105	10.2
20.	Michael Toomer (1980-84)	105	1,064	10.1
21.	Leo Morgan (1957-59)	51	1,061	20.8
22.	Curtis Brooks (1969-71)	74	1,023	13.8

CAREER REBOUNDING

No.	Player (Seasons)	GP	Pts	Avg.
1.	Clemon Johnson (1974-79)	109	1,494	13.7
2.	Wayne Barber (1973-75)	75	1,033	13.7
3.	DeLon Turner (1990-93)	107	974	9.1
4.	Cleveland Spencer (1973-76)	101	827	8.2

5. Michael Toomer (1980-84)	105	824	7.8
6. Pete Taylor (1976-79; 80-81)	105	811	7.7
7. Paul Grady (1977-81)	107	600	5.6
8. Leonard King (1984-89)	107	569	5.3
9. Sean Black (1994-97)	108	560	5.2
10. Reggie Finney (1988-92)	106	532	4.8
11. Darryl Spence (1978-82)	110	520	4.7
12. Clarence Martin (1975-78)	83	517	6.2
13. Doug Cook (1983-86)	85	509	6.0
14. Joey McGear (1991-94)	112	508	4.5
15. Chalmus Thomas (1973-76)	72	481	6.7
16. Kevin Glover (1988-90)	88	475	5.4
17. Jerome James (1996-)	54	461	8.5
18. Aldwin Ware (1984-89)	111	445	4.0
19. Cedric Adams (1976-79)	79	400	5.0
20. Terry Neal (1972-75)	74	378	4.8
21. Marlon Galimore (1975-78)	75	365	4.8

ANNUAL LEADERS SCORING

Year	Player	GP	Points	Avg.
1997	Jerome James	27	436	16.1
1996	Jerome James	27	320	11.9
1995	Ricky Davis	27	519	19.2
1994	Joey McGear	27	323	11.9
1993	DeLon Turner	26	560	21.5
1992	DeLon Turner	29	572	19.7
1991	Kelvin Daniels	30	505	16.8
1990	Terry Giles	29	509	17.6
1989	Leonard King	29	648	22.3
1988	Aldwin Ware	30	565	19.5
1987	Leonard King	24	431	17.9
1986	Doug Cook	28	463	16.5
1985	Mervin Jones	27	531	19.7
1984	Michael Toomer	26	369	14.2
1982	Darryl Spence	27	511	18.9
1981	Pete Taylor	28	467	16.6
1980	Paul Grady	28	436	15.5

1979	Paul Grady	27	434	16.0
1978	Clemon Johnson	27	472	17.5
1977	Curtis Brooks	30	593	19.7
1974	John Andrews	25	468	18.7
1973	John Andrews	26	586	22.5
1972	John Andrews	28	610	21.8
1971	Robert Francis	21	396	18.9
1970	David Wright	23	626	27.3
1968	David Wright	26	575	22.1
1967	David Wright	28	624	22.2
1966	Jesse Daniels	23	639	27.8
1965	Willie Collier	21	709	33.8
1964	Waite Bellamy	25	699	27.9
1963	Willie Collier	22	636	28.9
1959	Leo Morgan	24	536	22.3
1958	Leo Morgan	27	525	19.4

REBOUNDING

Year	Player	GP	No.	Avg.
1997	Jerome James	27	242	9.0
1996	Jerome James	27	219	8.1
1995	Ricky Davis	27	154	5.7
1994	Joey McGear	27	182	6.7
1993	DeLon Turner	26	287	11.0
1992	DeLon Turner	29	286	9.8
1991	DeLon Turner	24	245	10.2
1990	Kevin Glover	29	203	7.0
1989	Kevin Glover	29	186	6.4
1988	Aldwin Ware	30	154	5.3
1987	Jeremy Martin	28	162	5.7
1986	Doug Cook	28	281	10.0
1985	Doug Cook	28	183	6.5
1984	Michael Toomer	26	248	9.5
1982	Michael Toomer	27	275	10.4
1981	Pete Taylor	28	224	8.0
1980	Darryl Spence	28	174	6.2
1979	Paul Grady	27	223	8.2
1978	Clemon Johnson	27	412	15.3
1977	Clemon Johnson	30	402	13.4

1974	Wayne Barber	28	422	15.1
1971	Greg Woods	18	165	9.3
1970	Alfred Lawson, Sr.	24	343	14.3

ASSISTS

Year	Player	GP	No.	Avg.
1997	Guy Walton	20	91	4.5
1996	Scientific Mapp	24	70	2.9
1995	Scientific Mapp	27	106	3.9
1994	Kevin Colson	27	74	2.7
1993	Kevin Colson	28	87	3.1
1992	Reginald Finney	28	127	4.5
1991	Kenneth Davis	31	186	6.0
1990	Terry Giles	29	170	5.9
1989	Terry Giles	29	155	5.3
1988	Terry Giles	29	170	5.9
1987	Robert Smith	28	115	4.1
1986	Robert Smith	28	146	5.2
1985	Mervin Jones	21	78	2.9
1984	Mervin Jones	21	70	3.3
1982	Alex Bunion	27	84	3.1
1981	Darryl Spence	28	79	2.8
1978	Kenny Robinson	27	220	8.1
1977	Kenny Robinson	30	178	5.9

STEALS

Year	Player	GP	No.	Avg.
1997	Guy Walton	20	41	2.0
1996	Sean Black	27	32	1.2
1995	Ricky Davis	27	34	1.3
1994	Kevin Colson	27	67	2.5
1993	Kevin Colson	28	53	1.9
1992	Reginald Finney	28	66	2.3
1991	Kenneth Davis	31	74	2.3
1990	Terry Giles	29	89	3.1
1989	Terry Giles	29	67	2.3
1988	Aldwin Ware	29	*142	*4.9
1987	Robert Smith	28	64	2.3
1986	Aldwin Ware	27	76	2.8

1985	Mervin Jones	27	69	2.5
1984	Mervin Jones	21	39	1.8
1982	Darryl Spence	27	49	1.8
1981	Pete Taylor	28	50	1.8

[*]-Led NCAA Division One (1988)

NCAA CAREER STEALS

@Aldwin Ware (1984-89)

- 15th in Division One Career steals average, • 2.74
- 16th in Division One Career steals (301 in 110 games)

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

- Most Points (Game)**
147, vs. Knoxville (Tenn.)
College, 103, in 1958-59.
- Most Points (Season)**
2,870, in 28 games, 1971-72.
- Best Per Game Scoring Average**
102.5 in 28 games, 1971-72.
- Most Rebounds (Game)**
83, vs. Xavier (La.), in 1959-60.
- Most Assists (Season)**
540, in 30 games, 1976-77.
- Most Steals (Season)**
*406, in 30 games, 1987-88.
[*]-NCAA Division One champion

NCAA TEAM RECORDS

Statistics Championships

@NCAA Division One • 1987-88
Steals - 406 in 30 games (13.5 pg)

@NCAA Division Two • 1971-72
Scoring Offense - 102.5 ppg
(2,869 points in 28 games)

NCAA Tournament Results

• **1991 NCAA Division One
Play-In • at Monroe, Louisiana**
NE Louisiana 87, FAMU 63

• **1978 NCAA Division Two
South Regional**
FAMU 72, Livingston (Ala.) 69
Florida Tech 85, FAMU 78

• **1962 NCAA Division Two •
Midwest Regional**
FAMU 74, Youngstown St. 58
Wittenberg 35, FAMU 33

• **1959 NCAA Division Two
South Regional**
FAMU 90, Lincoln (Mo.) 73
North Carolina A&T 98, FAMU 75

• **1957 NCAA Division Two
National Tournament
First Round**
North Carolina Central 78, FAMU 61

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FAMU's Tournament Scorecard

The Rattlers Are 15-14 In MEAC Tournament Play

1980 (2-1)
FAMU 69, Delaware State 67
South Carolina State 94, FAMU 90, 2 OTs
*FAMU 2, N.C. Central 0
[*]-Declared forfeit by MEAC

1981 (1-1)
Howard 75, FAMU 73
FAMU 75, Bethune-Cookman 72

1982 (1-1)
FAMU 47, Delaware State 42
North Carolina A&T 47, FAMU 45

1983 (0-1)
Maryland-E.S. 73, FAMU 71

1987 (0-1)
North Carolina A&T 80, FAMU 65

1988 (2-1)
FAMU 104, Delaware State 73
FAMU 64, South Carolina State 59
North Carolina A&T 101, FAMU 86

1989 (2-1)
FAMU 112, Delaware State 105
FAMU 76, Coppin State 74
South Carolina State 83, FAMU 79

1990 (1-1)
FAMU 69, Howard 53
North Carolina A&T 65, FAMU 64

1991 (3-0) • Tournament Champions
FAMU 87, North Carolina A&T 77
FAMU 74, Coppin State 70
FAMU 84, Delaware State 80, OT

1992 (2-1)
FAMU 78, Delaware State 73
FAMU 74, Morgan State 69
Howard 67, FAMU 65

1993 (1-1)
FAMU 90, Morgan State 87
Coppin State 81, FAMU 69

1994 (0-1)
Morgan State 70, FAMU 66

1995 (0-1)

Delaware State 100, FAMU 73

1996 (0-1)

South Carolina State 79, FAMU 58

1997 (0-1)

Bethune-Cookman 70, FAMU 61

RATTLERS vs. MEAC**In Conference Tournament****15-14 • Since 1980**

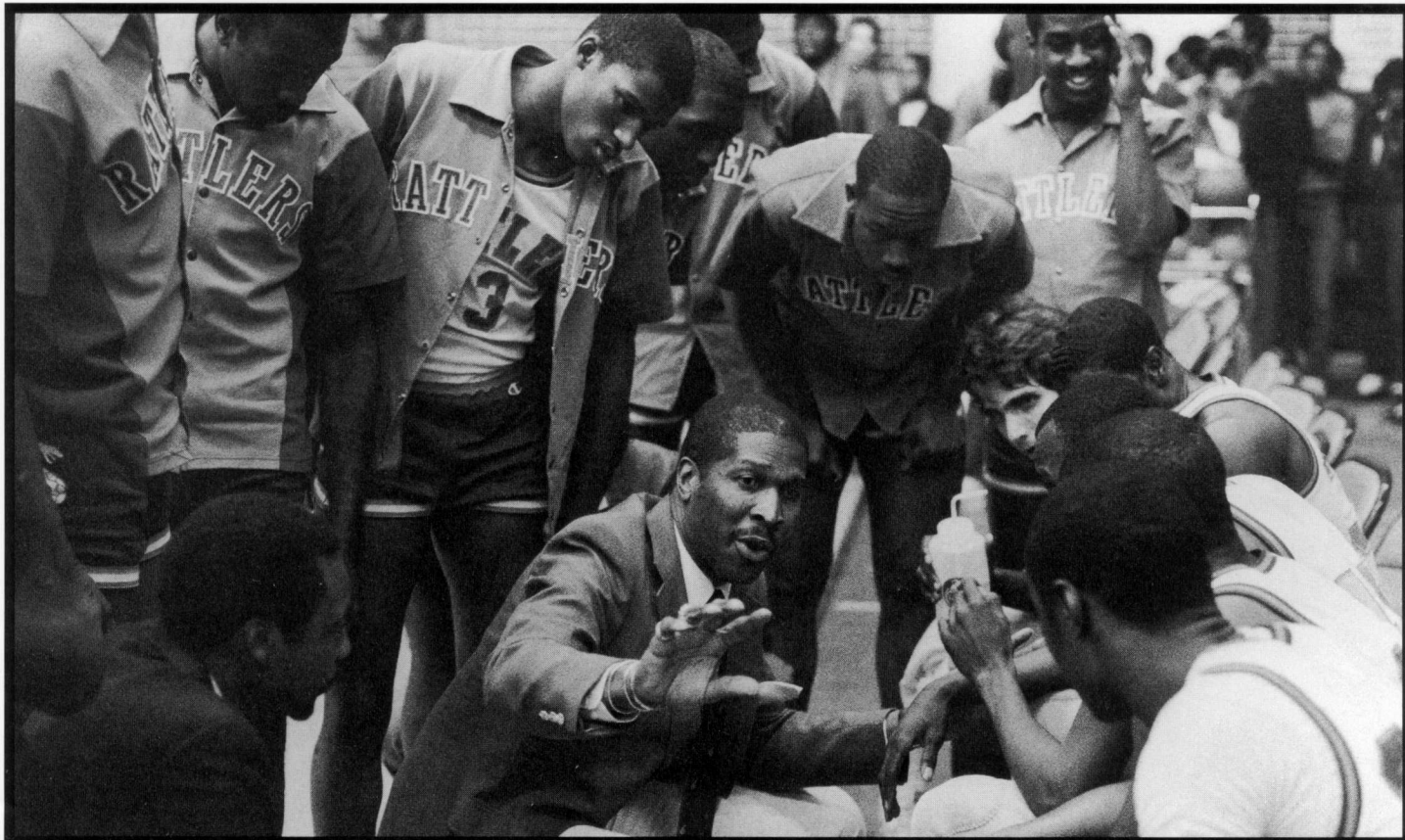
School	W-	L	PCT.
North Carolina Central	*1-	0	1.000
Delaware State	6-	1	.857
Coppin State (Md.)	2-	1	.667
Morgan State (Md.)	2-	1	.667

Bethune-Cookman (Fla.)	1-	1	.500
Howard (D.C.)	1-	2	.333
South Carolina State	1-	3	.250
North Carolina A&T	1-	4	.200
Maryland-Eastern Shore	0-	1	.000
TOTALS	15-	14	.517

[*]-forfiet, 1980

FAMU'S BEST MEAC TOURNAMENT FINISHES

Place (No.)	Years
First (1)	1991
Second (3)	1988, 1989, 1992
Third (2)	1980, 1981



Coach Willie Booker (center), who coached Florida A&M from 1985 to 1993 gives the Rattlers instructions during a timeout in a game during the 1987-88 campaign.



The University and Administration

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Tallahassee, Florida • Founded in 1887

Florida A&M University was founded on October 3, 1887, as the State Normal College for Colored Students, opening classes with fifteen students and two instructors. It's destiny: to become an institution of higher learning, striving toward even greater heights of academic excellence.

Today, Florida A&M University is one of nine institutions in the State University System, and excellence - "Excellence With Caring" - remains its' goal.

Leading the State Normal College through its' infancy were two distinguished citizens and educators - Thomas DeSaille Tuckers, an outstanding attorney from Pensacola, and Thomas Van Rennasaler Gibbs, a state representative from Duval County (Jacksonville), as Tucker's top assistant.

In 1891, the school received a share of the \$7,500 allocated to states for agricultural and mechanical education, and it was then that President Tucker initiated his plan for growth. The school was moved from Copeland Street, the present-day site of Florida State University, to its' current location, changing its' name to the State Normal and Industrial College for Colored Students.

By 1905, management of the school was transferred from the Board of Education to the Board of Control. This event proved significant because it officially designated the school as an institution of higher education.

In 1909, the name was changed to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes (FAMC or FAMCEE). The following year, with an enrollment of 317 students, the college awarded its' first

degrees.

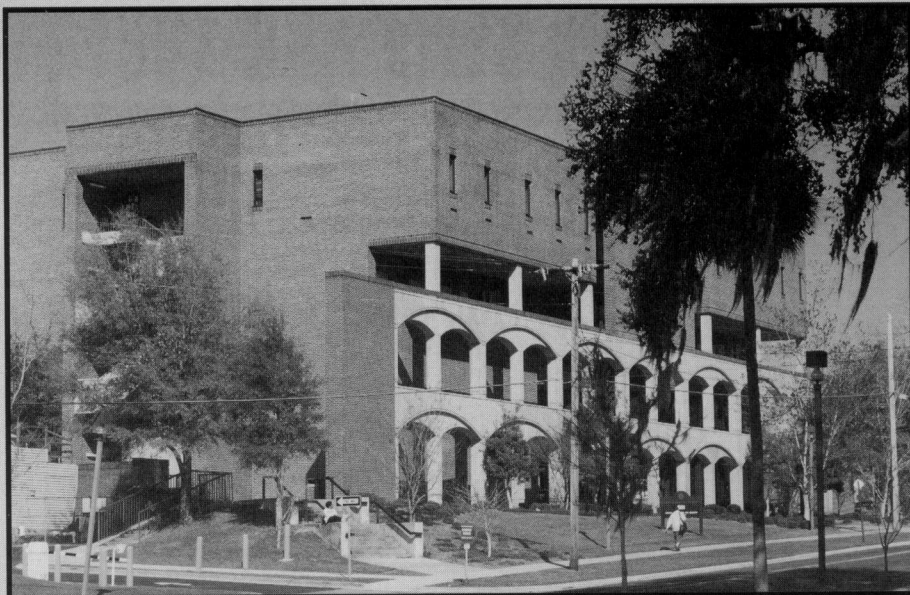
During the years 1924 through 1944 under the administration of John Robert Edward Lee, Sr., Florida A&M acquired much of the physical and academic image that it has today.

By 1944, Florida A&M had constructed 48 buildings, had accumulated 396 acres of land and had 812 students and 122 staff members. In 1949, under the leadership of William H. Gray, Jr. (1944-40), expansion, along with reorganization, continued and the school had obtained an Army ROTC unit. Student enrollment had grown by then to more than 2,000.

But perhaps the greatest achievement was the elevation of the school to university status in 1951. At the time, the school's name changed from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College. By legislative action in 1953, the school was renamed Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU).

During the years 1950-68, the school experienced its' most rapid growth. Twenty-three buildings were erected, the hospital (now the Foote-Hilyer Building) was completed, staff increased by more than 500, the four-quarter plan (now the semester plan) was implemented, and the school became the first Negro institution to become a member in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Enrollment increased to over 3,500.

The 1970's brought further growth and development to Florida A&M University: in 1971, FAMU was recognized as a full partner in the nine-



School of Business and Industry

university, public higher education system in Florida.

The 1980's served as a model for productive development for

Florida A&M University. Under the Walter L. Smith administration (1977-85), the University grew to eleven

schools and colleges, plus a Division of Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education.

By 1984, the University was granted the authority to offer its' first Doctor of Philosophy degree, the Ph.D. in Pharmacology, while construction and renovation projects during the 1980s amounted to more than \$34 million.

Florida A&M consists of 13 colleges and schools of study, offering over 50 degrees ranging from bachelors' and masters' to a limited number of doctoral programs.

The University features Colleges of Arts and Sciences,

Florida A&M University

Time Magazine • Princeton Review 1997 "College of the Year"

During its' 110 years of service, Florida A&M University has long boasted of being on the highest hill in Tallahassee.

Now the University can claim residence at the another apex as the TIME/ Princeton Review College Guide "College of the Year."

A panel of 10 experts in higher education reduced the list to six schools to be considered by the editors of the College Guide out of

1,250 institutions nationwide.

FAMU emerged as the "compelling choice" according to the editors.

The final six included UCLA, the University of Iowa, DePaul University in Chicago, DePauw University in Indiana and Trinity College in Connecticut and FAMU.

The editors cited FAMU's innovative programs, rising enrollment, surging SAT

scores, producing the nation's largest number of African-American graduates, and the recruitment of National Achievement Scholars as the reason for the selection.

FAMU also impressed the editors as an institution that has become an elite alternative for African-Americans in the wake of the reversal of affirmative action laws.

"This unprecedented

Education, Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and a joint Engineering College with Florida State University.

Schools of study within the University include Allied Health Sciences, Architecture, Business and Industry, General Studies, Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education, Journalism, Media and Graphic Arts, Nursing and the Environmental Sciences Institute.

At present, under the administration of Frederick S. Humphries (since 1985), enrollment has soared dramatically past the 10,000

recognition for FAMU represents a powerful tribute to the men and women who in the beginning had more faith than resources, lived more on commitment than compensation, and had enough vision to see that FAMU would overcome great odds to become one of the nation's leading universities," said FAMU President Frederick S. Humphries.

Among the University's recent accomplishments:

- FAMU was honored in August, when statistics released by Black Issues In Higher Education showed



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mark (fall 1992) and the University is now leading the the nation in attracting National Merit Scholars.

Under the dynamic

leadership of Humphries, a magna cum laude graduate (1957), Florida A&M is moving forward into its' second century.

that FAMU was the No. 1 producer of black baccalaureates. During the past decade, SAT scores at FAMU have risen from below 800 to an average of 1036.

- FAMU was No. 1 in recruiting National Merit Scholars in 1992 and 1995.

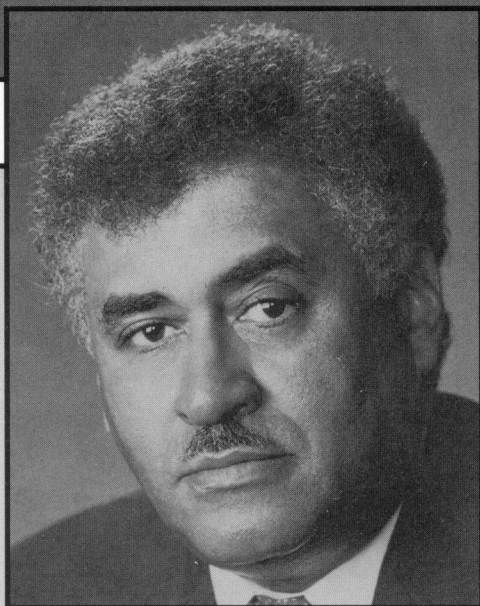
- The School of Pharmacy was No. 1 in the Southeast for two consecutive years in National Institutes of Health funding, beating out Auburn and the University of Florida. In 1996, the college received \$2.7 million in NIH funding.

- FAMU is fourth among the 10 public universities in Florida in overall research grants, securing over \$35 million annually, and seventh overall in enrollment.

- FAMU's endowment (nearly \$40 million) is the largest of any historically black public college in the nation.

- FAMU has grown from a campus with 5,101 students in the fall of 1985 to 10,781 in 1996.

The Administration



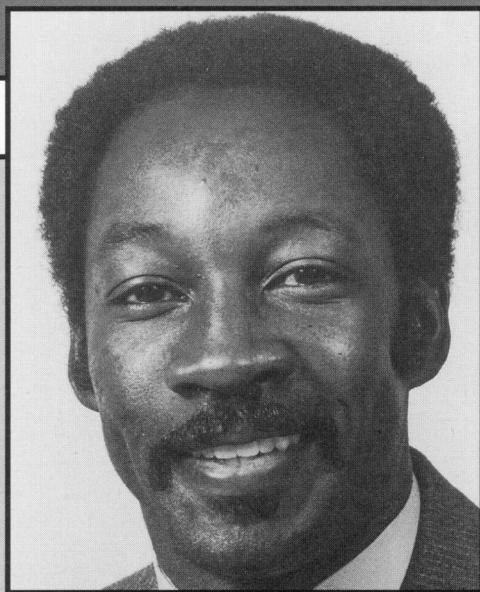
DR. FREDERICK HUMPHRIES University President

Frederick S. Humphries has the dual distinction of not only being the eighth president of Florida A&M University, but in 1997-98, he also enters the 12th year of his tenure.

He is a man with vision, possessing outstanding experience as an educator, and a determination and commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence.

A native of Apalachicola, Florida, he graduated magna cum laude, from Florida A&M in chemistry in 1957. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in physical chemistry by the University of Pittsburgh in 1964.

His achievements at Florida A&M are numerous, including overseeing the school's expansion to a student body of just under 11,000; awarding the school's first Ph.D. degree; heading the drive to lead the nation in the recruitment of National Merit Scholars; spearheading the school's efforts to increase grants and funding to its' numerous academic programs and leading the university to Time Magazine/Princeton Review's "College of the Year" honors in the Fall of 1997.



KENNETH J. "Ken" RILEY Director of Athletics

In 1986, Ken Riley, a favorite son of Florida A&M, responded to the call to service of his alma mater and has responded with 11 years of energy, dedication and hard work toward taking the university's athletic program to a higher level.

In the summer of 1994, he was afforded that ultimate opportunity when he was promoted to Director of Athletics, a role he has served with distinction for the past three years.

His current role as CEO of FAMU Athletics is an ongoing challenge which is drawing upon all his varied life experiences as an administrator, coach and student-athlete. He oversees the operations of a 17-sport, multi-million dollar NCAA Division One program, which has been the finest in the Mid-Eastern

Athletic Conference over much of the past 10 years.

As head football coach at FAMU from 1986 to 1993, the Rattlers posted a 48-39-2 mark, with two Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles (1988, 1990), and three seasons of NCAA Division 1-AA Top 20 finishes (1988, 1990, 1992). He was named MEAC Coach of the Year in 1988, 1990 and Black College Coach of the Year (1988) by Atlanta's 100 Percent Wrong Club.

Riley is a 1969 honors graduate, in Health and Physical Education, Riley was a Rhodes Scholarship nominee, who holds master's in Education Administration from the University of North Florida.

Athletic Administration • Support Staff

CYNTHIA DUPONT-JONES

Senior Woman Administrator

Associate AD for Business and Finance



An integral part of Florida A&M's athletic administration for the past nine years, Ms. Jones continues to bring a winning combination of innovative thinking, hard work and enthusiasm to her demanding dual role as the department's chief financial officer and its' primary women's administrator.

She aptly coordinates event and fiscal operations throughout the school year, working closely with the department's business, ticket and concessions managers assuring a smooth operation.

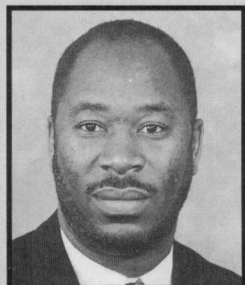
A native of Plant City, Florida, Ms. Jones also holds the role of primary women's administrator in the FAMU Athletic Department, supervising the women's sports programs.

Jones came to FAMU Athletics in 1987, serving as Athletic Business Manager. She was promoted in 1989 to Assistant Athletic Director for Business and Finance, before being elevated to her current spot as Associate Athletic Director in the spring of 1992.

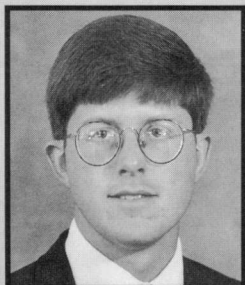
A graduate of Florida State University in Accounting, Ms. Jones also holds a masters' degree in Athletic Administration from Florida A&M University.

She was an internal auditor for six years, five at Florida A&M, before joining the Athletic Department staff.

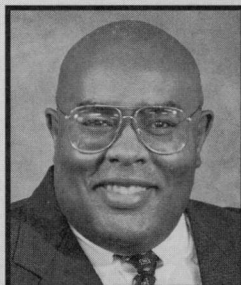
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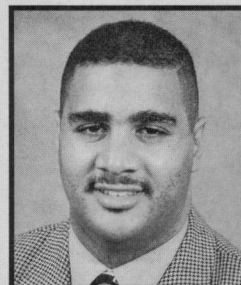
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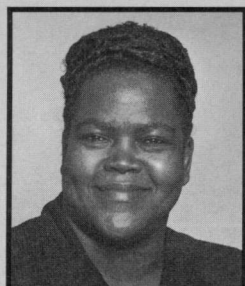
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Secretary



ROBIN WALLACE
Athletic Secretary
(Ken Riley)

The Jake Gaither Athletic Center

Home of Florida A&M Basketball



Built in 1963, **The Jake Gaither Athletic Center** was named in honor of one of college football's great coaches, the late Hall of Fame mentor Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither.

Gaither Athletic Center actually encompasses the equivalent of over a quarter mile of real estate on the southwestern corner of the Florida A&M campus.

Designed for use by both athletics and physical education, the original facility consisted of a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, activity classes and intramural events; an office cen-

ter for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation department, instructors, coaches and athletic administration as well as classrooms.

The basketball facility, located on the northernmost corner of the complex, seats **3,365 fans**.

Other facilities in the Gaither Center area include an eight-lane, all-weather track complex; a recently-expanded regulation 12-court tennis arena; an Olympic swimming and diving pool, complete with office and lockerroom accommodations and a women's softball stadium.





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