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Basketball Alumni 1979 to 1982; this also included the opening of the Sun Dome and the impact it had on the university and the community.

Began attending the University of South Florida in 1979.

Grew up in Port Chester, New York.

Describes his introduction to the university and the recruiting and scouting system.

Describes the academic and campus life of the University of South Florida during the 1980s.

Graduated with a B.A. in Sociology once his playing season was completed.

Describes the complexities of being a student athlete.

Chip Connor was the head coach of USF’s basketball team during his tenure.

He goes into great detail about his experience as a USF basketball player, and describes many specific games.

Wrote the book *A Raging Bull: Chasing the Big Time*, which is about the history of the USF basketball program.

Goes into great detail about the university’s Athletic Department history, as well as the basketball program’s history.

In April of 1980 Lee Rose signed on to become head coach of the USF Basketball team, and he describes the impact of his new position.

The second game in the USF Sun Dome was the dedication game against Duke University in which Coach Mike Krzyewski of Duke, made his first road game.

Created the USF Sports Week on WUSF.