

Scholastic Gridder -- Jeff Dawson, center for the Fayetteville State University football team, made all "A's" during the second semester last year at FSU. Jeff, an outstanding gridder, is a sophomore from West Palm Beach, Florida and is a business administration major. Jeff says he wants to be a mortician when he completes school at FSU

(FSU Photo by John B. Henderson)

## **Broncos Finish Grid Season 5-5**

By Ronnie Allen

**VOICE Sportswriter** 

The gridiron season is finally over and the Broncos finished sixth in the CIAA with a conference record of 5-5 overall and a 4-4 CIAA standing.

In asking Coach MacDougal to comment on the season he replied by saying: "The season this year was up and down for us due to the fact that we did make a lot of mistakes. But the last game, I think, proved that we could play and win a football game."

During the latter part of the season MacDougal made some changes in the offensive and defensive lineup by which he switched Charlie Boyd from offensive guard to defensive end and started John, "Big John," Young at the other defensive end. MacDougal commented on this by saying "We try to keep eleven of our best men on the field at all times. Boyd and Young got in there and did a good job for us. In fact, the whole defensive team did a good job for us.

Of course, the defensive team always play a good game, but due to the fact that the Bronco defensive team is practically made up of seniors this could pose a factor. All the linebackers will be gone including Michael, "Mean Mike," Wright and two of the best defensive safety men in the CIAA, Richard Johnson and Bernard Reynolds. The seniors who are leaving are the ones who really stress the togetherness of the team. MacDougal commented on this also saying: "The seniors who are leaving were a real credit to the Bronco team. They all finished in winning seasons at a combined total of 19 wins and 17 losses with one tie." MacDougal stated that to replace them will be quite hard, but it depends on how well the recruitment goes. Other areas of the game that MacDougal will be working on is his punting game which did not work too well for him this season and his defense.

The offense will also be in trouble because they are losing both of their starting quarterbacks, Craig Sills and Marion Wigfall. Both these men will be a great loss to the team being that they both showed a great amount of respect for each other.

What the season will have in store next year for the Broncos is unpredictable.

## FOLLOW THE **BRONCO TEAM** ALL THE WAY

## Inside Bronco S

By Ronnie Allen

**VOICE:** Sportswriter After a booming loss of 31-0 to the Panthersof Virginia Union the week before, the Broncos roared right back to upset the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University 14-6

This game was more than just a football game. It was a game that was to hopefully prove to the Bronco fans that they still knew how to win a football game. It was a game that was to hopefully prove to the Bronco fans that they still knew how to win a football

With Johnson C. Smith ranking 8th in the top 20 among small Black Colleges, it was sure to be a loss for the Broncos. The weather was cold with the temperature between 50 and 60 degrees, but the Broncos took to the field and the first play from

scrimmage proved the Broncos were going to play football.

All season long the Broncos had been playing ball as if they didn't care, but Saturday's game should go down in FSU's history as the upset of the century

One might say why didn't they play like that all season long? Well, I must say that I saw something in Saturday's game that was rare in the previous games and that was togetherness and a will to win. As one player of the Bronco team put it, "We beat them like they have never been beaten before. And we did it because we wanted to.'

But I do have to admire the Golden Bulls for one thing -- that is their strong will to come back never died out. FSU's block busting defense proved to be a factor as J.C. was unable to find a hole in the middle.

The secondary was in check also as they were batting balls down and helping out against the rush. It was defense that played a factor in getting the ballgame on so that the offense could stay alive and on the move. Of course, JC's defense was rough and rugged too as they were playing head up over the Bronco offense.

Their efforts were in vain although as Godwin, the Almighty, as he is called by his fellow students, scored again early in the fourth quarter making the score as it stood to the end of the game

I compliment the Broncos on a fine game well played and to the seniors who are leaving I wish you luck in your future endeavors

Basketball As basketball season is just around the corner, one can not help but wonder what will it be like this season. Well, if you will recall a few months back, the same team who won the CIAA championship is the same team that is back again this year, with the exception of a few.

All CIAA-Alton Cogdell and James Tyus, the two sparkplugs, are back again this year and they are two of the hottest hands in the CIAA. Otis Newkirk is showing some big improvements along with Rubin Ruffin

In my talks with Coach Hawkins, he said he has confidence in his cage men and is confident about the season. We as Broncos can help keep up that confidence by giving him and the team some of that good ole Bronco spirit.

Making predictions for this season will be quite hard because the Broncos are hurying in one area of the game, the center spot. I do not believe that it will hurt the cagers that much because of the great outside shooters that we have, but it will be a factor. But as I said before, it's going to take spirit and we as Broncos can provide

Yes, this basketball season is going to be a hot one and I do believe the Broncos are tournament bound.



Coach Otis Hawkins, Alton Cogdell and James Tyus plan strategy. (Story, pg. 8)