

# SPORTS

## Football Players Sign With Broncos

By Marion Crowe

Local, area and out of state high school football standouts have made their decisions on where they will play college ball this fall. Ray Bolton, 5'11", 175 pound back from Clinton, North Carolina has signed to go with the Fayetteville State University Broncos. Bolton was one of Clinton High School's outstanding running backs and may be the added threat the Broncos need to booster its running attack.

Other area players that will join the Broncos this fall are Steve McLean, 6', 195 lbs. back from Erwin; Joe Patterson, 6' 2", 280 pound lineman from Parkton; Walter Baker, 6' 2", 240 pound fullback from Weldon; Jimmy Coefield, 6' 3" 272 pound lineman, Rudy Vaughn, 6' 5", 220 pound lineman, Edward Dean, 5' 9", 185 pound back all from Murfreesboro and Anthony Walton, 5' 10", 210 pound lineman from Garysburg. Joining his high school teammate Ray Bolton is 6' 3", 285 pound lineman Marvin Boykins.

Also signing with the Broncos are Leverne Cole, 5' 9", 165 lbs. running back and James Joyner, 6' 3", 185 lbs., both from McColl, South Carolina. Coach William "Bill" Head stated that he and the assistant coaches are concentrating on recruiting local and area players and believes that the players who have signed will contribute greatly to the Broncos overall football program.



Marvin Hardy (42) going for two points against Elizabeth City. (Photo by John Henderson).

### Marvin Who?

By Theresa Randall

This is the question many Bronco basketball fans asked early in the season while witnessing Marvin Hardy's performance. The 6'1", 175 pound, junior from Tampa Bay, Florida, also known as Capt', is the bronco starting guard who literally brings the crowd to their feet with is incredible jumping ability and slam dunks. Capt', despite the overall record, has contributed much to the team and has scored 45 points, a career high in the one-point victory against North Carolina Central University in Durham, January 29th.

**Q. When did your interest for basketball begin and who were your influences?**

Capt' - Before my junior year of high school, I had no interest in participating

in basketball on a competitive level. I played a year and a half of football until I was convinced by the basketball coach to try out for the team. My influences were mainly my high school coaches and a few close friends.

**Q. How do you describe your game in one word and in what ways do you hope to improve?**

Capt' - I describe my game as exciting! My freethrow percentage and defense are mainly the areas I want to improve.

**Q. How must the team prepare for the CIAA Tournaments?**

Capt' - As a team, we must control the number of turnovers per game which sometimes makes the difference between winning and losing. Rebounding is another area that we must work on. Overall, we're a pretty good team despite our record, and I think we'll have a good chance of being successful in the CIAA Tournament.

Thank you for your cooperation. I wish you and the entire Bronco squad the best of luck for the remainder of the season and in the CIAA Tournaments.

### The Animal House

By Manuel Blackmon

In the past, Hood Hall has been a crazy, wild, and fun loving dorm. Young ladies walked by the dorm with consternation. To the young ladies dismay, they knew if they didn't speak or give that flirting smile, they would invite some type of harrasment in the form of a bucket of water from a second floor window.

However, things are changing. The Animal House is now under resurrection. From cleaner halls to quiet nights, from browsy residents to compunctious personnel, Hood Hall is receiving a new image under the leadership of Assistant Football Coach Marshall A. Blackshear.

In addition, the old reputation of housing dumb, no class athletes is no longer true. A great many of the residents of Hood Hall are members of lettered Greek Fraternities that requires a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 before acceptance. Not only are Greek Fraternities members residing in Hood Hall, a great many of the residents are consistently on the Dean's List. Coach William "Bill" Head, head football coach has stressed to each member of the football team that he (the player) is first a student, then an athlete.

The changes in Hood Hall are destroying the stereotypes students hold of the residents and no longer can the past image hold true. Gone is the Animal House! Arriving is the new "condominium" of Fayetteville State University.

### Broncoettes Clinch Title

By Marion Crowe

The Broncoettes' basketball team wrapped up teh CIAA's Southern Division championship February 11. The Lady Broncos completed the season 13-4 in the conference and 14-7 overall.

Coach Mary "Honey" Lamb and her Broncoettes will be top-seeded in the CIAA's Southern Division in the

### Basketball Highlights

By Marion Crowe

The Broncoettes improved their record to 9-2 in the Southern Division of the CIAA February 3 with a 70-69 win over J.C. Smith Lady Golden Bulls. The Lady Broncos had to hold off a determined bid by the Lady Bulls to come away with the win. The Lady Broncos led almost the entire first half, but never by more than seven points as Concetha Smith scored 16 points to key the win for the visiting Broncoettes.

#### Broncos 87 J.C. Smith 76

The Broncos won their third straight game (wearing their white uniforms), and even their conference record to 4-4 and 7-13 for the season with a 87-76 win over J.C. Smith Golden Bulls, February 3. The Broncos were paced by William "Tree" Person and Marvin Hardy with 23 points each while John Sylvester added 20 points. The only other Bronco to score in double figures was Doug Singleton.

#### Lady Rams 76 Broncoettes 71

The Lady Broncos feeling the pressure of playing with one night off, lost a 76-71 contest to Winston-Salem Lady Rams on February 5 and with the loss, the Broncoettes failed to clinch the CIAA Southern Division championship. Concetha Smith scored 31 points but her effort was in vain.

#### Norfolk 87 Broncoettes 79

Fayetteville State's Broncoettes gave the Lady Spartans of Norfolk State all they could handle before dropping a 87-79 contest February 7. The loss drops the Broncoettes to 9-3 in CIAA play and 12-7 for the season. Concetha Smith, 25 point performance, gave substance to the Lady Broncos bid for an upset but the Fayetteville club could not over come the 44-36 halftime lead.

#### Broncoettes 79 Lady Vikings 67

Concetha Smith scored a game high 34 points and Sheryl Drayton added 20 points to lead the Broncoettes to a 79-67 win over Elizabeth City's Lady Vikings February 8. The Lady Broncos, 9-3 in the Southern Conference of the CIAA and 13-7 overall, trailed at halftime but outscored the Lady Vikings in the second half by using a pressing defense that forced Elizabeth City into numerous turnovers.

#### Elon 93 Broncoettes 81

Elon could not stop the hot shooting of Concetha Smith but did managed to slow the Broncoettes offense and went on to win a 93-81 non-conference game. Smith lead all scorers and tossed in 32 points for the evening.

The game was the fourth in as many nights and dropped the Lady Broncos to 13-8 for the season.

## Smith, Pittman Have Similar Roles

The following is an extract of an article published by Mark Matlock, sports writer for the Fayetteville Observer. The article appeared in the Saturday, February 12 issue.

The players are different, the teams are different, and their styles are different.

But Fayetteville State's Concetha Smith and St. Andrew's Eva Pittman are similar because they are the hearts of their teams.

Pittman is a 5 foot 7 junior forward and Smith is a 5 foot 8 senior guard.

This year each was named captain and each is scoring over 20 points a game, good for first place in their conferences.

Once again, the Lady Broncos are having a good season, having already clinched the Southern Division title of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

But St. Andrews, which advanced to the South Regional of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III tournament last season, is struggling. The Lady Knights are 9-10 this season and have come on in recent weeks after a 4-8 start.

Collapsing defense like a box-and-one or a triangle-and-two have been thrown at Smith this season.

"I really didn't like it," Smith said. "I come into the gym now and right away find someone right next to me. They say, 'I'm supposed to stay with you the whole game.'"

But very few people have been able to stay with Smith. She's scoring 27 points a game, five points more than Debra

Jenkins of Livingstone College. Her best effort was 41 points against Elizabeth City State in January.

"She still gets her points even with those defenses," FSU Coach Mary Lamb said. "When they use those defenses on her, we put her out on the point and let the rest of them play four-on-four."

Scoring also was Smith's speciality last season, when the Lady Broncos were 23-3. "I have improved overall," she said. "I have been a scorer before and still am, but I've improved my leadership since I'm a captain. I was ready for it."

"Leadership means the team is going to look up at you. The team is going to try and do things like you. You can't tell them they're doing something wrong if you're doing it wrong too," Smith said.

Despite the loss of forward Dianthia Morris to graduation, Smith said the team can be better than it was last year. "Last year we were 23-1 (in the regular season). That by itself is saying we aren't as good a team as last year.

"But, ever since I got here, we've wanted to win the CIAA and we haven't."

Smith said the undefeated conference record may have been a hindrance. "We may have been thinking teams can't beat us," she said. "That's the trouble with going through the whole season without a loss."

The attitude this year is different. "We know we have to work real hard to win the tournament," Smith said. "I really believe we can."

NORTHERN DIVISION	Conference			Men Overall			Pts For	Pts Agst	Women Conference			Women Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT			W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Norfolk State U.	11	3	.786	14	6	.700	1588	1496	14	0	1.000	19	2	.905
Hampton Institute	11	2	.846	14	5	.737	1557	1369	9	6	.600	13	10	.565
Virginia State U.	10	4	.714	14	8	.636	2105	2065	9	3	.750	12	3	.800
Virginia Union U.	11	5	.688	18	5	.783	1924	1667	13	1	.929	18	1	.947
Saint Paul's College	6	9	.400	9	13	.409	1866	1884	1	15	.063	1	15	.063
Elizabeth City St. U.	3	10	.231	5	16	.238	1662	1831	3	11	.214	5	13	.277
Bowie State College	0	13	.000	1	18	.053	1263	1703	3	11	.214	6	15	.286
SOUTHERN DIVISION														
Saint Augustine's	12	3	.800	16	4	.800	1867	1651	3	12	.200	3	17	.150
Winston-Salem St. U.	8	5	.615	10	7	.588	1420	1292	6	8	.429	9	11	.450
N. Carolina Centra U.	7	5	.583	9	10	.474	1671	1652	5	8	.385	6	10	.375
Johnson C. Smith U.	7	6	.539	9	10	.474	1581	1612	8	6	.571	10	7	.588
Fayetteville State U.	4	9	.308	7	13	.350	1757	1834	11	3	.786	12	6	.667
Shaw University	4	12	.250	6	12	.333	1454	1471	7	8	.467	9	10	.474
Livingstone College	4	11	.267	7	13	.350	1569	1636	6	6	.500	9	8	.529