

# Sports

## Something new in '92

by Heawatha L. Sanders

After a 1-9 season last year, the Fayetteville State University Broncos are looking to rebuild and restore their football program with a new head coach, two new assistant coaches, and emphasis on a strong defense.

When Coach Ray McDougal resigned last year, Craig Raye took over as head coach. He unexpectedly gave notice of his departure from the program for no apparent reason. The football program seemed to be heading for an even bigger slump than ever imagined. The suspense was broken in late May when Jerome Harper, an ultra-successful defensive drill coach at Alabama State, became Posse Leader (head coach) for the 92-93 season.

Because of the last minute arrival of Coach Harper, he was the first to admit that for right now he has to go with the flow and use what is available.

"Recruiting is out for this year", Coach Harper said, "we'll have to go with the hand that we've been dealt. We'll start from ground zero and find out what we can do and can't do."

Coach Harper, who coached the de-

fensive teams at Alabama State that ranked among the top 10 Division 1AA schools in the country, feels that fielding a strong defense will be a key factor in the Broncos' football fortunes.

Based upon Coach Harper's credentials, one may wonder if the athletic department was thinking of killing two birds with one stone. By bringing in a man who has just as many years of experience as most head coaches, fourteen years to be exact, combined with his rigorous training plan, FSU gained both success and experience in one person.

Does Coach Harper know offense as well? Using multiple offensive formations during the season, Coach Harper states, "We will put our horses on defense, demonstrate a respectable offense, and develop a strong kicking game." Adding to his offense game plan, Coach Harper has three very effective assistants:

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterback/Receivers  
-Darryl Pearson

Offensive Linebackers  
-Mark Hurt

Strength Coach  
-Leroy Miles

Returning Coaches:

Linebackers  
-Pat Simon

Offensive Linebackers  
-Monroe Burke

Running Backs  
-Roosevelt Holmes

Defensive Linebackers  
-Frank Merchant

The new game plan with the offense will not hurt the team because playing defense is what FSU does best. The main reason for the disappointing past seasons was that the offense has been anemic and far too generous in the turnover department.

Overall, Coach Harper knows his Posse will have some convincing to do to all the opponents and fans. "We will fear none. If we get our guys going in the right direction, wins will come." The question that reigns over the whole campus and community is how many wins will Coach Harper expect? "We expect these guys to win every time they hit the field. Our fans must be patient, but we do have a chance of

The Broncos currently stand with a 4-2-1

record and hope to improve their record throughout the remainder of the season. Please come out and support your Fayetteville State Broncos. Here's a look at the up-coming games:

Away Nov. 14	Newberry	7:00
Away Nov. 24	Alabama State	7:00

## Bouncing to a different beat

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Fayetteville State University's Lady Broncos basketball team has a new head coach, adding to the "out with the old and in with the new" characteristic of this athletic season.

Mr. Eric Tucker will take over as head coach with a plan of his own to help bring the Lady Broncos up where they belong. "My main goal this year is to at least hit .500", (win at least half the games this year). "It would be a dream come true to win it all, but right now let's hit the .500 mark."

Coach Tucker feels that the healing process must start with the attitudes of the young, ambitious Lady Broncos Basketball team. "I want to change the attitude of

