

SPORTS by Deitric Davis

Welcome to New Season

Welcome back sports fans! Here's a look at our football team as they stand pumped and ready for an all out banner blue and white season.

The man: Head Coach Jerome Harper. The Plan: positivity and productivity from being fundamentally sound.

Last year's 5-4 finish was just the beginning as the Broncos prepare to "turn the corner," with this year's squad. There are forty returning lettermen, five starters on offense, and another seven on defense. In addition to our returning veterans, we have several new recruits to the team.

During practices, Coach Harper and his staff have drilled their players on the fundamentals of the game. With the players sound in their own abilities as well as prepared for the roles they will play in the games, they can't help but play with confidence.

The offense will begin the season by establishing a sound running game behind Luvie Lesane and Chris Corprew at the running back position. In addition to the two upper classmen we have two true freshman in Walter Young and Larcose McFadder. With the establishment of a tight running game, this

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On the other side of the ball will be the "smash mouth," style of defense that will keep our opponents' offense off the field. With the total combined weight of 835 pounds (just 3 players), this writer wouldn't advise a trek FSU's defensive line.

In the second wave of attack, our linebackers are ready to eliminate any wayward runner that happens to find a space for daylight. Elvis Dudley, another pre-season all CIIAA pick, will lead this core of linebackers in the quarter back's lounge.

The last line of defense will be the secondary with there "no pass zone," style of play. FSU's secondary is billed as one of the fastest in the league. Their focal point will be on the play of Damell Cox, James Dawson, Demarco Jetter, Peter Steele and Allen Autrey.

According to Coach Harper the Conference is very well balanced. With that in mind "we are our own worst opponent," says Harper, "If we can eliminate our own fundamental errors, we should be in the thick of things as far the conference race goes."

Finally Coach Harper would like to thank the community at large for their continuing and growing support. To his staff, thanks for the dedication and hard work. To his players, "this is your time to shine."

With this in mind our team deserves your support. Join me and the boys every Saturday. See ya there!



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Newest Bronco in Town

On behalf of Fayetteville State University and The Broncos' Voice, a warm welcome is extended to Coach Antinous Smith.

Standing a solid 6'4" and weighing in at 210 pounds, Coach Smith will serve as the new offensive coordinator for the FSU football team. He will be responsible for most of the play selections for the offense, while Coach Harper will select plays during crunch times. Coach Smith's other duties will include serving as the quarterback and receiver coach and training the FSU softball team for the CIIAA finals.

Taking a deeper look, it was discovered that this new brother has a Degree in Physical Education with a minor in Human Services from Alabama A&M. While he was at Alabama, Coach Smith was a quarterback from 1985 to 1990.

In addition to his passion for sports, Coach Smith has a passion for older citizens as well as youth. In the meanwhile he will return to school to receive his Masters Degree. Keep a look out for more articles on Coach Smith in the future.

Bringin' The Noise

In a continuing quest to bring you a taste of that flavor that you savor, FSU is proud to present to you the 1995-96 edition of our very own Bronco Cheerleading squad headed by Coach Rita Adams.

This year's squad contains many new faces. There are five freshman stepping in to lead the crowd in Bronco cheers. The new freshmen included are Jennifer Picket, Kemmia Hurst, Tonya Owens, Carmen Nichols, and Shantee Thomas. There are three sophomores; Jennifer Long, Regeena Harrison and NeSheil Wilson. Last, but certainly not least, we have two senior men; returning cheerleaders Bobby Hostler and Jerell Joyner.

These are the survivors of a very rigorous training schedule that began at 6 a.m. in the morning and did not end until 8 p.m. There is a serious amount of training that goes into being a Bronco Cheerleader. The cheerleaders begin with conditioning exercises and calisthenics. Then it's on to weight lifting until lunch. After lunch they're back at it with a gymnastics workout at Countryside Gym and yes, still more practice.

Assisting fifth year Coach, Rita Adams, during the cheerleaders' summer camp was Ms. Keisha Devon who was a former Bronco cheerleader and Kelley McLuarin who is the squad's stunt coordinator.

With such a big change in personnel, Coach Adams decided upon a change in style to complement her squad. This year's squad will be fundamentally sound in all aspects of their sport. "We will present and feature an aggressive [number] of stunts and pyramids . . . [and] their cheers will call for more crowd involvement," says Coach Adams, "with a little less dancing.," However, there will still be that same foot stompin', hand clappin', loud yellin' and body movin' style. Therefore, don't expect to come to the game and not be involved with the cheerleaders.

With the kind of spirit that the new cheerleaders are exhibiting, there is nothing that our teams will not be able to do. Coach Adams stated that there was some recruiting done for this year's squad, because if you want the best, you've got to go out and get the best.

Finally thank-yous are in order for the members of this year's squad for their dedication and enthusiasm for wanting to represent this university and support its athletic teams. Thanks especially to the freshman and newcomers.

So, to all you Broncos out there, catch them should they fall and stand and cheer when you hear them call!

