

WSSU athletics to complete Division II move, with CIAA conference hopes

Winston-Salem State's inter-collegiate athletics program will remain a Division II institution.

The decision was announced by Chancellor Donald J. Reaves Sept. 11, in a statement released to the media.

The process to remain in Division II will begin immediately, but WSSU will continue to compete in the MEAC at the Division I level through the 2009-2010 season.

Dr. Reaves praised the vision of former WSSU chancellors who had supported the move to Division I but said that the resources to complete the reclassification were not available.

"This decision is probably the hardest one I have ever had to make because I believe that WSSU belongs in Division I," Chancellor Reaves said.

At a special called meeting, the University's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to support the Reaves' recommendation.

"If there were any reasonable way to complete this transition without diverting resources from competing ac-

ademic priorities, I would have recommended that we stay the course.

"Over the past two years, we have continued to be concerned that budgetary constraints would not allow us to successfully complete the transition," Reaves said.

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"As the athletics deficits continued to mount, there appeared to be no rational way we could continue the process.

"Our goal now is to complete the move to NCAA Division II and find a conference home for our athletic program before the 2010-2011 sea-

son begins.

We have been reviewing all of the options in our region and our preference would be to return to the CIAA.

"We will, however, have to complete the reclassification process with the NCAA and file a letter of interest with Commissioner Leon Kerry at the CIAA," Reaves said.

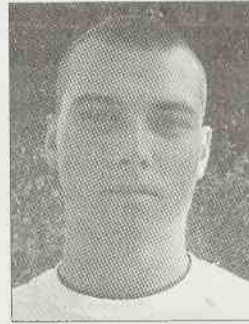
The spending side of the budget for the WSSU athletics program has grown during the three-year period of 2005-2006 through 2008-2009 from approximately \$2.88 million to \$5.58 million while total revenue grew from \$2.07 million to \$3.77 million.

Just for the fiscal year that ended June 30, the athletic program generated a deficit of approximately \$1.8 million.

The increase in expenses was directly connected to the transition to Division I which requires that an institution field a minimum of 14 teams and add substantially more resources such as scholarships, coaches and facilities.

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Landen Thayer, awarded Coach's 'Game Ball'



Landen Thayer

Landen Thayer, from Clemmons N.C. is a freshman on the Rams football team.

The former student of West Forsyth High School entered his first year as the punter/kicker. Coach Kermit Blount has selected him as the recipient of the Coach's Game Ball.

It was Thayer's performance in the Sept. 5 contest against NC A&T that earned him this honor. He connected 1-2 on his field goals, punted nine times for 357 yards, and three kick-offs averaging 62.3 yards each.

His statistics also include one touchback, one tackle and a conversion on the extra point.

"We were worried because he's a freshman playing in his first collegiate game," Blount said.

"He showed up and responded well on game day, like a vet [veteran]. We were overwhelmed with his performance. Despite the loss, I was pleased and proud with him."

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couldn't have done it [the film] without her," Osman said. Winston said her tasks on the set included scheduling and sitting through auditions, scheduling photographers, and serving as their (photographers) liaison. Osman said that if the DVD is purchased online by early October, the fans who assist with editing, will have their names listed in the credits for a full-length

film. The movie is 32 minutes in length, and once it is cut to 30 minutes, Osman says he plans to enter it in various film festivals including the Sundance Film Festival, Austin Film Festival and the Telluride Film Festival.

He said he hopes that the movie will be picked up by a distribution company and be turned into a full-length feature film.

Preparing for an Emergency Makes Sense.

The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a terrorist attack or other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. **Get ready now.**

1 Get a Kit of Emergency Supplies.

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, think first about fresh water, food and clean air.

Consider two kits. In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away.

You'll need a gallon of **water** per person per day for drinking and sanitation. Include in the kits a three day supply of non-perishable **foods** that are easy to store and prepare such as protein bars, dried fruit or canned foods. If you live in a cold weather climate, include **warm clothes** and a sleeping bag for each member of the family.

Some potential terrorist attacks could send tiny microscopic "junk" into the air. Many of these materials can only hurt you if they get into your body, so think about creating a barrier between yourself and any contamination. It's smart to have something for each member of the family that covers **their mouth and nose**, such as two to three layers of a cotton t-shirt, handkerchief or towel or **filter masks**, readily available in hardware stores. It is very important that the mask or other material fit your face snugly so that most of the air you breathe comes through the mask, not around it. Do whatever you can to make the best fit possible for children.

Also, include **duct tape** and **heavyweight garbage bags or plastic sheeting** that can be used to seal windows and doors if you need to create a barrier between yourself and any potential contamination outside.

2 Make a Plan For What You Will Do in an Emergency.

Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation. Use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Develop a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an **out-of-town contact** may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. Be sure each person knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. You may have trouble getting through, or the phone system may be down altogether, but be patient.

Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the attack, the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and the information you are learning here to determine if there is immediate danger. **Watch television and listen to the radio for official instructions as they become available.**

Create a Plan to Shelter-in-Place. There are circumstances when staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as sheltering-in-place and sealing the room can be a matter of survival. **If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to shelter-in-place and seal the room. Consider precutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and air vents.** Each piece should be several inches larger than the space you want to cover so that you can duct tape it flat against the wall. Label each piece with the location of where it fits.

Use all available information to assess the situation. If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to shelter-in-place. Quickly bring your family and pets inside, lock doors, and close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers. Immediately turn off air conditioning, forced air heating systems, exhaust fans and clothes dryers. Take your emergency supplies and go into the room you have designated. Seal all windows, doors and vents. Understand that sealing the room is a temporary measure to create a barrier between you and contaminated air. Watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet for instructions.

Create a Plan to Get Away. Plan in advance how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. **Choose several destinations in different directions** so you have options in an emergency.

If you have a car, keep at least a half tank of gas in it at all times. Become familiar with alternate routes as well as other means of transportation out of your area. If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Take your emergency supply kit, unless you have reason to believe it is contaminated and lock the door behind you. Take pets with you if you are told to evacuate, however, if you are going to a public shelter, keep in mind they may not be allowed inside. If you believe the air may be contaminated, drive with your windows and vents closed and keep the air conditioning and heater turned off. Listen to the radio for instructions.

Know Emergency Plans at School and Work. Think about the places where your family spends time: school, work and other places your family frequents. Talk to your children's schools and your employer about emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency. If you are an employer, be sure you have an emergency preparedness plan. Review and practice it with your employees. A community working together during an emergency also makes sense.

Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together.

3 Be Informed About What Might Happen.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling a supply kit and developing a family communications plan, are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency. However there are significant differences among potential terrorist threats, such as biological, chemical, explosive, nuclear and radiological, which will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. By beginning a process of learning about these specific threats, you are **preparing yourself** to react in an emergency. Go to www.ready.gov to learn more about potential terrorist threats and other emergencies or call 1-800-BE-READY (1-800-237-3239) for a free brochure.

Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected. **Get ready now.**

4 Get Involved in Preparing Your Community.

After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step and get involved in preparing your community. Join **Citizen Corps**, which actively involves citizens in making our communities and our nation safer, stronger and better prepared. We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns secure from emergencies of all kinds. Citizen Corps works hard to help people prepare, train and volunteer in their communities. Go to www.citizen corps.gov for more information and to get involved.

Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- Water one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Filter mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Unique family needs, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula or diapers, and important family documents



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