Sports’ Value Can’t Be Measured in Dollars

Jacksonville State’s sports program and, more specifically, its budget, have been front page news recently. The Birmingham News print an article in late October that highlighted spending by small university athletic programs. JSU ranked third in the state in sports spending deficits, coming in only behind UAB and Troy State. JSU’s deficit was $2.3 million dollars, according to The Birmingham News. However, numbers provided by Don Thacker, Executive Assistant to the President, indicate that actual deficit figures approach $2.5 million per year.

Revenues for the university athletic program were reported in The News as $350,000/year, but the figures from JSU put it around $325,000. Expenditures were put at $2.5 million by The News, but they come out at closer to $2.8 million.

Thacker, whose job entails planning, budgeting, coordinating and auditing, says that the use of the term “deficit” is a misnomer. Jerry Cole, JSU’s Athletic Director, says that he doesn’t have much of a reaction to the stories printed by The News and The Chanticleer. “It’s a subject that comes up periodically,” he says. “(The athletic department’s) value to JSU is found in its success to attract new students and please the old ones.”

Cole agreed with President McGee’s breakdown of the sports program budget, saying that roughly a third goes to salaries and benefits, a third to scholarship funds, and a third to operations, maintenance, and travel expenses. “All of these expenditures are necessary,” he says.

He also drew attention to the fact that the university does not charge admission fees for those sporting events that produce a deficit. “We need to be competitive at whatever level,” Cole says. “All of the money that’s spent is necessary.”

Compiled by Steven Skelton

SGA Lobbies Against Financial Aid Cuts

Executive Committee travels to Washington

By Emily Wester
Editor-in-Chief

The SGA packed up and headed to Capitol Hill Tuesday evening to lobby against proposed reductions in financial aid. “It’s important that students take the initiative to let Congress know the direct impact their votes will have on the lives of students,” says Emily Hawk, SGA President. “When we join together, we can make a difference.”

The Federal Direct Loan Program, a recent addition to JSU, is facing the chopping block. “We were allowed into the program this academic year,” says Larry Smith, director of the financial aid office. “It has a 90% satisfaction rate for those who take part.”

The program offers expanded re-payment options and a shorter line at the bursar’s office, according to Smith. Loan checks are expected to arrive within two to three days as opposed to one month with other loan programs. Due to early arrival of checks, Smith says that fewer students have had to withdraw from the University.

Hawk is looking out for the interests of not only JSU, but for Alabama’s entire student body. “Not only Jacksonville’s enrollment, but the enrollment nationwide would suffer,” says Hawk. JSU also serves as chair of the Alabama Student Association, an organization whose membership roster includes the state’s SGA presidents.

The Executive Committee will visit the offices of Howell Heflin, Richard Shelby, and Glen Browder, relaying to the senators and representative that financial aid cuts are opposed by higher education, according to Hawk.

“It (the financial aid cuts) would be short-term savings for the federal government,” says Hawk. “We hope to express the views of the students.”

Fifty Cents Could Have Saved Her from the Aids Virus

by Linda Barlow
College Press Service

Kelli Lawless Hughes tells it this way: 50 cents could have saved her from the AIDS virus.

The Price of a condom.

That’s far cheaper than the six AZT pills she downs daily at about $2 each. It’s worth the cost of not having to tell Mom that one night of sex as a college freshman will eventually kill her. Such a small price for someone who doesn’t expect to see her 30th birthday.

One reckless night South Hall at St. Ambrose University, a small Catholic college in Davenport, Iowa, brought her to this destiny. Just one short-lived encounter in 1988, when she was on the rebound after a five-year relationship ended with a high-school sweetheart.

It was her second sex partner ever: a man with hemophilia who contracted HIV from a blood transfusion. “I was 18 years old, and I made a really big mistake. I’m paying for it big-time,” says Kelli, 26, of DeWitt, Iowa.

Everything has changed.

She looks at TV images of emaciated AIDS victims with purplish lesions and knows that one day it could be her. Childbirth is no longer an option. She planned her June 10 wedding knowing the bittersweet day would be “her last big life event.”

Now, a good day is waking up without foreign bumps or lumps, enlarged lymph nodes or facial fungus on her nose. A good day is not feeling exhausted, not hearing Sen. Jesse Helms rail about slashing AIDS spending and not seeing a romanticized version of her illness on a soap-opera.

She has gone public with her story for a reason: She wants to put a female heterosexual’s face on AIDS. No, she is not a prostitute, an intravenous drug user or a promiscuous woman. Heterosexual sex is to blame.

“There’s still the misconception that this is a disease of gay men,” she says, “It’s about time that people realize that heterosexual people can get this disease as well.

“I also want people to know that I wasn’t
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**Direct Lending Compromise Reached**

_by Marco Buscaglia_

**College Press Service**

WASHINGTON -- The House and Senate have reached a compromise on direct lending, capping the federal program at ten percent for the next fiscal year.

The cut was part of an agreement by House and Senate leaders to cut $5.9 billion from the student loan program over the next seven years.

In their original budget proposal, House leaders called for the elimination of direct lending by June 1996. Senate leaders, however, planned to cap the program at 20 percent. The compromise, which will eventually be presented to President Clinton for approval, limits the schools involved in direct lending to ten percent.

"The House zeroed direct lending out originally, and they were very firm in their stance that it be cut," said Joel Bacon, spokesperson for Sen. Nancy Kassenbaum (R-Kansas). "That’s why the Senate couldn’t get back their 20 percent. This is really the most basic compromise."

Secretary of Education Richard Riley, however, says the agreement could "destroy" the program. "For months the lending industry has been lobbying Congress to keep a stranglehold on the highly profitable student loan business," Riley said. "Now, they reportedly have accepted a compromise that will assure special interests billions more in risk-free profits, perhaps as much as $9 billion more, and destroy the direct student loan program."

Riley said that the compromise contradicted principles Republicans ran on during the 1994 elections.

"By capping direct lending at 10 percent of the national loan volume, the congressional majority contradicts every stated goal of its so-called “contract” with America: smaller government, less red tape, more competition and more choices for consumers," he said. "The fact is direct lending works for students, families, and schools. And despite the claims of special interests, direct lending saves money for taxpayers."

Currently, 40 percent of all schools are enrolled in the direct lending program, which allows students to borrow directly from the federal government instead of banks and lending institutions. Critics have said that Clinton’s program takes the money directly from students.

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**Phillips’ Return to Football Stirs Protests**

_by Marco Buscaglia_

**College Press Service**

LINCOLN, NEB. -- Lawrence Phillips’ teammates may be glad to see him back on the University of Nebraska football team, but others on and off campus aren’t exactly welcoming the 22-year-old junior back with open arms.

Already, numerous students have protested the move, saying that university officials should be ashamed of reinstating Phillips, who was found guilty of assault and trespassing after hitting his former girlfriend.

"These are sad days for Nebraska," said Sarah Thomason, a junior. "The administration has finally decided that football is king. Players can do whatever they want as long as they can help win games."

Nebraska, last year’s national champion, is currently ranked number one in both football polls.

Thomason, who says the decision to reinstate Phillips “made me sick to my stomach,” hopes that the outcry from students on campus is enough to change policy in the years ahead. "I know this will never have any effect on what’s happening this year," she said. "We’re talking about a team that has a chance to be the best in college football for the second year in a row, so I know what’s at stake. But I just hope it will make the administration and the coaches think twice the next time they try to do something like this.”

In late October, coach Tom Osborne said Phillips was back on the team since he had cleared the team’s “point system” for player infractions. The 6-foot-3, 225-pound tailback sat out for three games after being found guilty of misdemeanor charges of assault and trespassing against his former girlfriend.

According to police records, Phillips, 22, broke into the apartment of another player on the team, grabbed Kate McEwen and dragged her by the hair down three flights of stairs. In the building's lobby, Phillips slapped and punched her. McEwen, a former high school sweetheart, said she believed Phillips when he said he was fighting for her. It was the last time she saw the quarterback.

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**Lawrence Phillips**

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$25 billion-dollar-a-year student loan business from banks, guaranty agencies, and secondary markets and it gives it to a growing ineffective government bureaucracy.

"Banks and guaranty agencies have cut out the excess costs and are serving students better than they ever have," says Mark Clayton. Spokesperson for the Coalition For Student Loan Reform, an organization made up of guaranty loan agencies. "If the entire issue is about who can serve the students the best way possible, let's compete fairly and see what works best."

Brian Szuda, an Illinois State University junior, says the direct lending program has already made life easier for numerous ISU students, including himself. "It’s so hard to even compare the two," said Szuda, who works at the university’s financial aid office. "Direct loans are so much less complex than loans from a bank. Things that would take months, like verifications, now take days. It’s so much easier for the students and for the school."

Sue O’Flaherty, director of financial aid at the University of Colorado, says both students and administrators have been satisfied with the federal program. "The direct lending program has been great for us," O’Flaherty said. "We’ve had shorter lines, less paperwork and a lot less problems. It’s a very efficient system."

Karen Fooks, financial aid director at the University of Florida, agrees. "I don’t even want to think about going back to the guaranteed loan system," she said. "The whole idea of going back is a nightmare."

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member of Nebraska’s women’s basketball team, suffered cuts and bruises on her head and neck.

Judith Kriss, director of the Nebraska’s Women’s Center, says Phillips’ reinstatement sends a somber message to the women on campus. "It’s like saying touchdowns matter more than what’s right," Kriss said.

Phillips released a statement saying he was "sorry" about what had happened. "I know I can’t undo the situation, but I am trying to learn from it," Phillips said. "I haven’t run from the problem but I am facing it head-on."

Abigail Heitzman, a member of the Nebraska chapter of the National Organization for Women, says Phillips should be kicked out of the University. "Colleges have always had a double standard for athletes but this is really sickening," Heitzman said. "It’s something like this happens again, the school’s administration will have set the precedent. They have already said that crimes against women -- violent crimes -- are unimportant."

James Griesen, Nebraska’s vice chancellor for student affairs, says Phillips is being treated like any other student. "People have a right to voice their feelings but the fact of the matter is that Lawrence Phillips deserves the same treatment as other students," Griesen said. "At a university, you try to do what’s best for the students, both individually and collectively."

As part of his reinstatement, Phillips has accepted various sanctions to comply with the school’s Code of Conduct to keep his status as a student-athlete, Phillips, who is on probation until the spring of 1997, must attend counseling sessions and all his classes; perform two hours of community service each week, have no contact with McEwen, and pay for any damages McEwen has incurred.

Still, not everyone believes the University is doing this simply for Phillips’ sake. "I doubt they would go through all of this if he wasn’t a big part of the team," says Thomason. "If he was just a freshman history major or something, he'd be back home or in jail."

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“If anyone really wanted to hurt me, they’d call me a slut, a whore. I’m not,” Kelli says. “It only takes one time.”

“But for seven years, I walked around. There were a lot of ways other than sex that I every easily could have exposed someone. I could have done drugs, shared needles.” Thank God she says, that her husband, Jim, wasn’t infected. He dated her for four and a half years before his diagnosis, in August 1994. He proposed three weeks after she learned she was HIV-positive.

On August 12, 1994, at 12:45 p.m., my life was going at 3,000 miles per hour,” Kelli says. “At 12:45 p.m., I showed into a brick wall. My life has never been the same since.

Everything has changed.

She’s not the only one.

Kelli’s situation is not unique.

Many students walk college campuses afraid to disclose that they have the HIV virus. The averaged five one-night stands and women between three and four. On average, the men had slept with eight different partners and the women six in the fewer than four years they had been sexually active.

In a recent study by the American Social Health Association, 85 percent of college women surveyed were sexually active. Alarming, almost half admitted they do not protect themselves against sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

Of the women having sex, 96 percent participated in oral sex, and more than three-fourths of those never used condoms. Two thirds did not use condoms for vaginal sex.

Two-thirds had never had a checkup before sex with a new partner. And many drink alcohol prior to sexual activity.

“Alcohol is a critical factor in risky sexual practices because it lowers inhibitions and makes people less likely to use protection,” says Dr. Linda Alexander, who helped coordinate the study.

AIDS is the number one killer of American age 25-44, the CDC reports. HIV rates are growing most rapidly in heterosexual women, especially in Hispanics and African-Americans.

The rising disease toll makes the use of condoms imperative. No, condoms are not 100 percent effective. But yes, in the absence of abstinence, without AIDS vaccine or cure condoms are the best thing around to protect from infection.

“We promote condom use as the only highly effective method of protecting against sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV,” says Sharon Broom of the American Social Health Association. “It’s very important to stress that because a lot of people have gotten a lot of misinformation about their effectiveness.”

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“They say the best things in life are free, but I want to know what you’ll do for me! So give me money (that’s what I want)” — John Lennon/Paul McCartney.

Although those lyrics were written thirty or more years ago, they seem to be more relevant today than ever, especially where universities and the federal government are concerned. It seems that money is taking the place of education in order of importance with the administration of both institutions of higher learning and the nation.

The current “in-thing” for Congress seems to be cutting large chunks of funding from the budget. Seemingly, no thought is given to who or what spending cuts hurt. Voters across the nation “gave a mandate” to cut spending and taxes, and Congress is scrambling to keep everyone happy. Unfortunately, Congress is comprised of people who are only human.

Of course, being “only human” is far from a decent excuse for what goes on in the U.S. House and Senate. I don’t know if anyone else has noticed, but Congress seems to be trying to cut everything on the budget except their salaries, perks, and pork for their respective states. In a time of rising costs of living and tuition increases, shouldn’t Congress “feel our pain” in a more palatable way?

Now the House and Senate have reached a “compromise” on direct lending to students, which will cap federal loan spending at ten percent. I’m for cutting the budget and limiting government as much as possible. But through the direct loan program, the federal government (and yes, I am shocked by this) provides a quick, efficient service to students that are dependent on financial aid. Why cut something that actually helps people?

However, Congress is not the only power broker that is keeping money for itself. High-paid administrators can be found throughout the university system. In fact, some of those high-paid administrators can be found right here at Jacksonville State.

University President Harold McGee makes $106,750 dollars a year in salary from JSU. The Vice President for Academic Affairs, David Watts, is paid $91,550 from the university per year. Bascom Woodward, VP for Business Affairs, gets payroll checks that total $79,984 every year. I ask the same question of them that I do of Congress, especially in light of recent tuition increases, shouldn’t our rather well-paid “fearless - not penniless - leaders” “feel our pain” in a more palatable way?

It’s not as though the entire university staff is overpaid, though. Some of the most hard-working and caring staff members, the people who really keep this university running, are paid less than $20,000 a year. Some are even paid less than tractor drivers, housekeepers, and mechanics. To quote the vernacular, “That’s really going on!"

In the end, it becomes apparent that money is what makes the world go round. Unfortunately, everyone thinks that he or she has too little of it, and therefore people are ever scraping for that elusive extra nickel or two. In the world of college students, the case is magnified greatly.

Perhaps the ones that harp so much on “sacrifice” and “reform” should take a good, long look at what those words really mean. After all, those in positions of power are there, supposedly, to serve those who put them there, including lowly college students — why shouldn’t they be the first on the budget chopping block?
Dear Editor:

Being one of the few Jewish students at JSU, I feel that I must respond to a recent letter in the paper about the death of Prime Minister Rabin. Not all of us thought so highly of the late leader as the letter’s author would have one believe. When Rabin shook the hand of a killer, he was no longer the leader of Israel.

I visited Israel back in 1986 and saw a country at war with all its neighbors. Arab countries surrounding Israel vowed for its destruction and stated how they would push all the Jews into the sea. Mr. Arafat is a killer. He has claimed responsibility for many deaths in his fight for “freedom.” If you believe he suddenly regrets his past actions and now wants peace and harmony, I’ve got a bridge to sell you. I also find it interesting that the king of Jordan is now interested in the Palestine cause, although he killed so many of them in the past.

Israel is a very small country and can’t afford to give up land for peace. Once land is given to the Arabs, all that will happen is that the Arabs can send bombs into Israel from a closer location. I agree with the late, great Rabbi Kahene that there will be no peace in Israel while there are Arabs in its borders.

To ensure peace one must argue from a position of strength, and not by making pacts with killers of innocent people. If Palestinian people want a homeland, have their great friend from Jordan give them some land, though I doubt Jordan’s goodwill is that strong.

Jeremy Margolis
Graduate Student
Sheila Evans is crowned JSU's 1995 Homecoming Queen at last Saturday's game.
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"Think registration is tough at Jax State?"

"There was a time, when at institutions of higher education, registration was done from a tub file at the armory," says Dr. George Miller, JSU’s vice president for business affairs. "You’d walk around and pick cards from tub files and assemble your schedule."

Miller, who retires at the end of this semester, helped pioneer computerized registration as a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland. "It was a monumental project. We made it through the first registration period without major problems... but the campus was quite large, and sometimes you were scheduled for, say, an agriculture class on one side of campus, and then your next class was a mile and a half away. We had to do some vector analysis to measure how far students would have to walk to class."

Making things run more smoothly on campus has been a theme in Miller’s career. At the helm of business affairs, he implemented Total Quality Management programs at JSU, and promoted student feedback on university services.

A Pennsylvania native, Miller enrolled in the University of Maryland’s overseas education programs while stationed in Germany with the military. Returning to the States, he finished his education at the University of Maryland and went on to administrative positions at Kansas State, East Illinois University, and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and assumed his position at JSU in 1989.

Though he has only been here a few years — he considers himself a “Terrapin,” Miller has become a pillar of the community. He serves on Jacksonville Hospital’s Board of Directors, is vice president of Jacksonville’s Chamber of Commerce and president-elect of Anniston’s Rotary Club. He is also vice chair of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce for Olympic Activities.

“This is a wonderful place to live,” says Miller, but he has difficulty choosing a favorite homestead among the campuses he has seen in 34 years of education. "I really have two favorites, Mansfield and Jacksonville. Mansfield is located in the north central part of Pennsylvania, high in the mountains. It’s beautiful there. In the next county there are more bear than there are people."

Miller concurs with publicity touting JSU as the friendliest campus in the South. "This is frankly one of the finest institutions I’ve ever been at. The motto sounds trite in a way, but in fact, a good way to measure friendliness is to walk across campus and watch people coming toward you. If they look you in the eye and say something, that’s a friendly campus."

Miller says JSU’s campus has all the best qualities of campuses in the days of the old tub file: "Here you’re not a number. Here you’re a person."

In addition to his community activities, Miller plans to spend his retirement hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. He may even venture back to Pennsylvania to help correct the bear/human ratio: "I’m a bow hunter, and there are two things I’d like to shoot — a wild bear and a grizzly," says Miller. "Though something tells me that’s only wishful thinking."

Happy Trails: After 34 years of shaping young minds, Dr. Miller is leaving JSU’s history department to get some much needed rest and relaxation. (Photo By Roger Luallen)

Autumn Conaway
Features Writer

Pull out the bell-bottoms and lava lamps, the Brady’s are back...Well, at least one of them is. Barry Williams, who played Greg on the hit family series "The Brady Bunch," was at Leon Cole Auditorium last Wednesday night to talk about his life "growing up Brady." Turnout for the event was low, but those who were there really seemed to enjoy the show that the SGA sponsored as part of JSU’s homecoming festivities.

Williams began his Brady tale by showing clips of classic Brady episodes. Everyone sat quietly watching clips from their favorite Brady shows until Jan Brady’s famous complaint, "It’s always Marsh, Marsh, Marsh," and then the auditorium filled with laughter and applause. Williams was met with a standing ovation as he entered the room and a few people seemed surprised to see a middle-aged man, rather than the pretty boy teenager they remember from the reruns on TBS. Williams was open and honest about every aspect of his life as a Brady. He even acknowledged the alleged relationship between his TV mother, Florence Henderson, and himself. "I slept with her once," Williams said to a stunned crowd. "Only once, though, and she wasn’t there," the crowd let out a sigh of relief. Then Williams continued "It’s amazing what you can do with a bottle of Wesson Oil," and the crowd rolled with laughter once again.

Williams also talked about his relationship with co-star Maureen McCormick, also known as Marsh. Williams said his crush on her began on the first day of taping and moved into full swing during the Hawaiian episodes. Williams added that nothing happened between the two, after returning from Hawaii.

Williams is very much willing and ready to shed his "Greg" identity. "I have been Greg Brady most of my life," he said. Williams added that he is often greeted with, "Hey, Greg!" However, he is now working in musical theatre and wants to be known for his new line of work. Williams even gave the crowd an example of his new profession as he sang a song from Les Miserables toward the end of his presentation.

The teenage Greg talked about his favorite "Brady" episode as well. Do you remember Greg, "bachelor part?" Williams’s favorite show to do was the one where he gets to be a "hippie" and decorate his own room, in a way it was Greg’s growing up episode.

To prove his faith to his favorite episode, Williams ended the show in full hippie gear, straight from the script of "The Brady Bunch." Then, with the help of volunteers from the audience, Williams did a "Brady" dance and said good-night.

So it may have been a fun little show but it definitely wasn’t the kind of entertainment you expect as the main attraction for Homecoming Week. Oh well, there’s always next year.

Disco Inferno: Barry Williams (aka Greg Brady) cuts a rug with JSU students at last Wednesday’s Homecoming main-event. (Photo By Roger Luallen)
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While hoping that the furor caused over remarks made by Two days after student protec-
tors demanding the resignation of Damon Santiago told a Targum reporter that he thought Senior forward Jamal Philips said that he was told by head coach Bob Wenzel asked team members not to discuss the issue with reporters.

censorship, where or when the game would be replayed yet, and we didn't want to jeopardize any possible decision by the university. Since the Feb. 7 basketball game in which 150 students flooded onto the court, the Rutgers administration has issued a warning to students that they may face punishment if they interfere with the forum. "The forum has been used to make a point, and no further disruptions will be tolerated," he said. In late January, the AAUP released a statement made by the Rutgers men's basketball team, which has since apologized for the remarks.

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**CLOSE TO HOME**

**Johann McPherson**

"Here's another very popular snout. This one conveys an air of simple elegance that says, 'I'm a sophisticated dog of the '90s.'"

"Our anesthesiologist is out with a head cold. When I say 'now,' bite on this stick as hard as you can."

"The intern who worked on me was an art major before going to med school."

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**Life in Hell**

**Matt Groening**

"I've decided to become a poet."

"I didn't know you liked poetry."

"Oh, you're cruisin' for a bruisin'."

"What are you talking about?"

"Now you're yapping for a slappin'."

"What did I do? I didn't do anything."

"Oh, you're munchin' for a punchin'."

"Munchin' for a punchin'? I don't even know what that means."

"You're makin' for a punchin' my friend."

"Hey, what's the deal with these infantile threats? If you're trying to scare me, it ain't working."

"Um, you're headin' for a headin'."

"Uh oh, you're headin' for a headin'."

"Headin' for a headin'? Don't you know that a head is what a, um, you are."

"If you're going to stand there and try to bug me with rhyming threats, try to make up threats that actually rhyme."

"You stupid little m—how?"

"I've lost my muse."

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"We don't know what those things are, but everyone who has bought one says they're very affectionate."

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"The main difference is that that system will be obsolete in eight months, whereas, for only $400 more, you can have a system that's guaranteed not to be obsolete for a full year."

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Lee Sutherland missed the point, keeping the score at six-six. Later, after WIU punter Jeff Baker took an eighteen-yard loss on a punt attempt to the Western twenty-nine, JSU took over from there and went twenty-nine yards on four plays, capped off by a JeDarius Isaac five-yard touchdown scramble. Sutherland again missed the extra point, making it 12-6 for Jacksonville State. However, Western answered with 3:57 left in the half on a Jeff Hecklinski thirty-two-yard touchdown pass to Gunnard Twyner. With the extra point, Western took a thirteen-twelve lead over Jax State to the locker room at halftime.

After the homecoming ceremonies, much of the crowd began to find their ways to exits, as the cold conditions began to worsen. They probably wish they had stayed, as the fourth quarter brought about one of Jacksonville State’s greatest moments.

In the third quarter, with 7:33 left, Jax State put together a seven-play, forty-five-yard drive. At the end of the drive, JeDarius Isaac recovered his own fumble at the Western thirty and took it into the end zone. Instead of kicking the point after, JSU Head Coach Bill Burgess elected to go for two, Isaac’s pass went incomplete, and the score remained eighteen-thirteen.

That concluded the scoring in the third quarter, but in the fourth, the two teams started going at each other like it was a heavyweight fight.

It all started as JSU’s Darron Edwards blocked a Western punt and Kenton Kelly recovered. Kelly got in trouble and flipped it to Teon Knox, who took it in for six. Again JSU went for two, and this time Anton Whitt went wide right for the conversion, making the score twenty-six to thirteen. It would prove not to be enough, though, as Western began to come back very quietly. With 4:46 left in the game, Western’s Brian Knuckles, a transfer from Nebraska, scored from one yard out, and Keith Jones added the extra point, making it twenty-six to twenty.

Later, after JSU failed to move the ball, Western got it back on a punt and began a nine-play, seventy-six-yard drive ending with a Hecklinski twenty-two-yard pass to Twyner on a fourth-and-three with just fifty seconds on the clock. The all-important point after split the uprights, making it twenty-seven to twenty-six for Leathernecks. Defeat was beginning to look imminent as the Gamecocks got the ball back. Quarterbacks Lewis battle and JeDarius Isaac moved the Gamecocks down the field, until it became second-and-ten at the Western forty-two, with just four seconds left. Then the unthinkable happened, as Isaac found Patrick Plott between two defenders, and the rest is history.

The Gamecocks did not get started off on the right foot. Western Illinois took the opening kickoff and returned it to the JSU thirty-three, a sixty-yard return for Anthony Pierre. Only five plays and thirty-three yards later, the Leathernecks hit pay dirt on a Brian Knuckles one-yard dive. Kicker Keith Jones missed the point after attempt, keeping the score six-zero. That was the score at the end of the first quarter, as neither team was able to get the offense going for the rest of the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Gamecocks continued a drive that started at the end of the first quarter. With 13:24 left in the half, running back Amel Jackson put JSU on the board with a one-yard plunge of his own. The rough conditions of the field again played a role as

(Photograph by Roger Luallen.)

have never seen a better catch than that. We are proud of our players for winning the game.”

A low-key Patrick Plott commented after the game, “I ran as hard as I could and kept my eye on the ball. I was not going to let the ball hit the ground.”

Saturday’s game marked the end of offensive line-man John Ingram’s career at JSU. He re-injured the knee that had kept him out of the last three games. After the great win, Ingram said, “Guesses are that I am finished for the year, but if you are going to go out a winner, there is not a better way to do it.”

On Friday, the Gamecocks load a plane headed for Springfield, Missouri, where they will end preparations for Saturday’s game with Southwest Missouri State. Kickoff is set for 1:30 in the afternoon.
Women’s B’Ball Team Could Prove Skeptics Wrong

by Will Roe  Sports Editor

Yes, it’s that time of the year. It’s hoop season. This issue I am previewing the women’s team, and next week, I will be taking a look at the men’s team.

The women’s team played last Thursday in an exhibition game against the New Zealand women’s national team. The Lady Gamecocks did not fare as well as they would have liked to, losing 79-56 in front of a respectable crowd at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Despite the loss, there were several bright spots for the Lady Gamecocks. Junior Alfredia City, added 8 points with 4 rebounds. It was a chance for Head Coach Dana Austin to see what her young team is made of. The Lady Gamecocks are returning 5 lettermen and 2 starters from last year’s 12-15 Division II squad. This year, the Lady Gamecocks make the jump to Division I and the Trans America Athletic Conference.

In the TAAC’s preseason poll, the Lady Gamecocks are picked to finish 10th -- dead last. However, the Lady Gamecocks have much higher goals than to finish last. It is a big year for this team, joining the conference and playing some high caliber teams.

On the schedule, the Lady Gamecocks play perennial SEC power Auburn twice (at home on November 29 and at Auburn on December 16), at UT-Chattanooga on January 31, at the UAB Tournament December 9 and 10, as well as the old foe Troy State twice (at Troy on December 14 and at home on February 19) and conference opponents Florida International and Southeastern Louisiana.

Overall, the Lady Gamecocks will either upset a few teams and prove the skeptics wrong, or they will lose to these teams and learn what the future will hold for them. There is plenty of time for the Gamecocks in the future. The team class roster looks like this: 3 seniors, 3 juniors, and 6 freshmen. It will be a challenge for coach Austin, but it is one that she looks forward to beating.
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