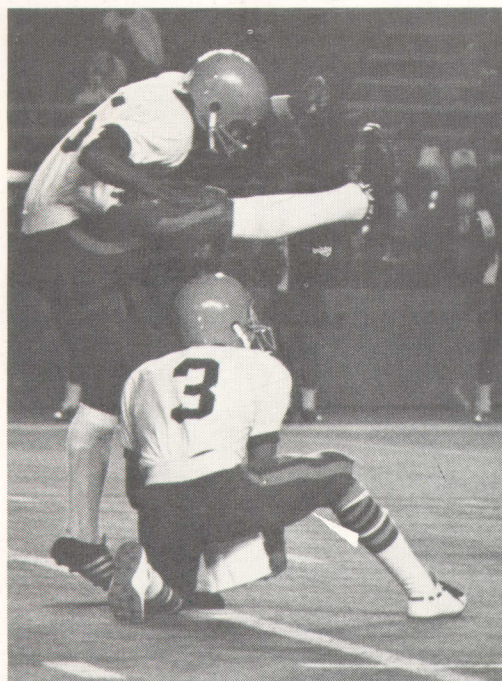
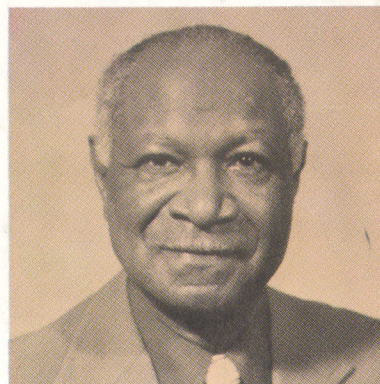




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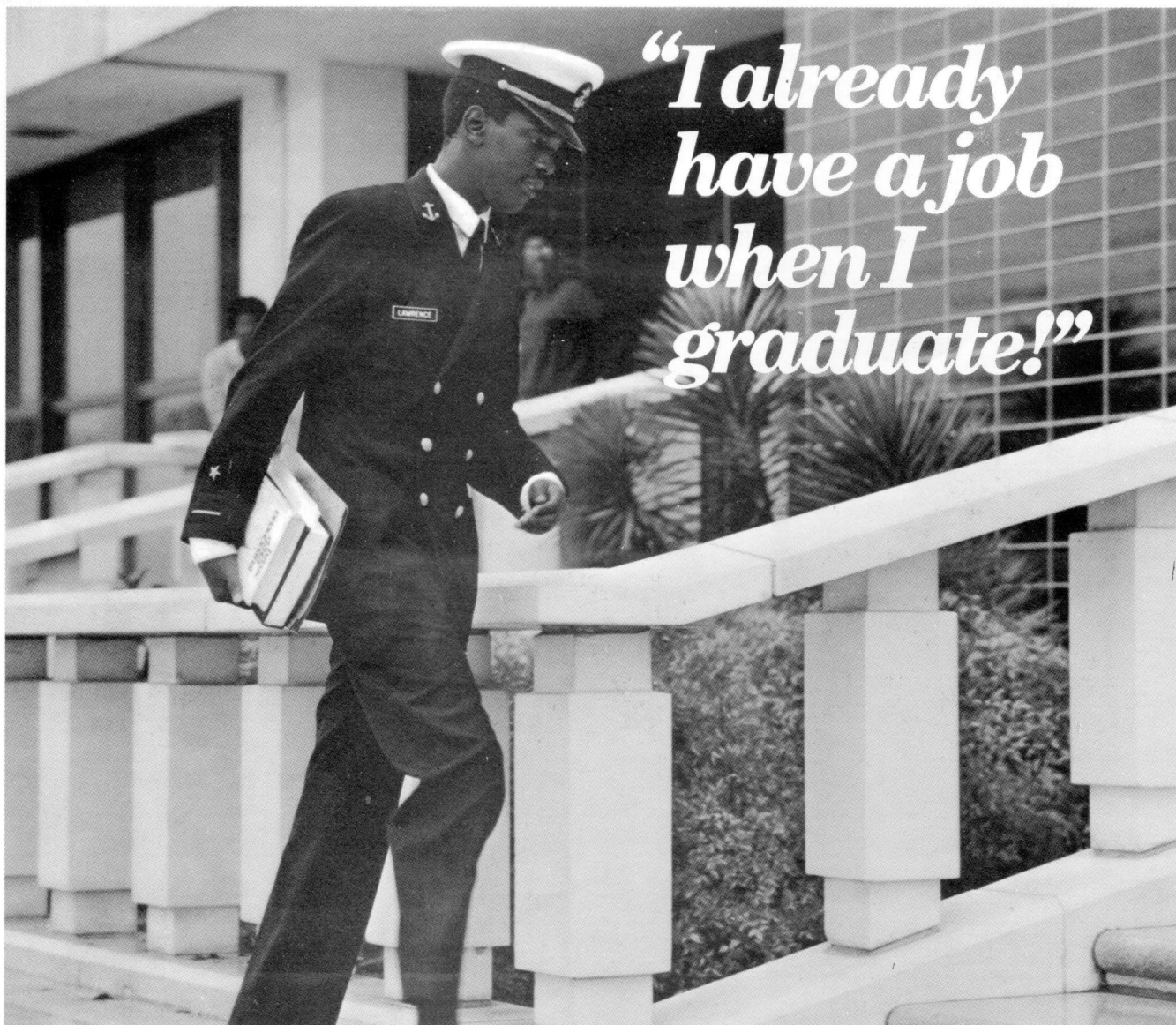
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Ronald Lawrence is a third year history major at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ron receives his tuition, books, fees and a subsistence of \$100 a month because he is a midshipman in the NROTC.

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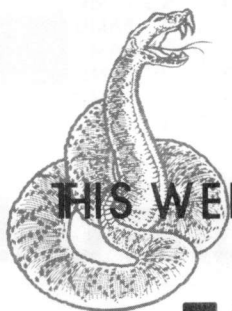
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1937	7-0	FAMU	1946	35-0	FAMU
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1941	22-0	FAMU			



Will the Real Rattlers Please Stand Up!

*The Rattlers have their backs to the wall
but hope to strike back against the Hornets*

by ROOSEVELT WILSON

Hey! What's going on here?

Who are these guys decked out in the Orange and Green going through the motions of playing football?

Could they be the Rattlers . . . those very Rattlers whose mere presence once struck fear in the hearts of the opposition . . . those very Rattlers who once lost less often than did the lions against the Christians . . . those very Rattlers who once had their followers betting on the point spread rather than the outcome of the game?

If yes, then why are they acting like an ordinary football team . . . then why are they finding ways to lose rather than ways to win . . . then why are they 0-2 instead of 2-0?

Will the real Rattlers please stand up!

Today's game will prove to be an acid test for Coach Jim Williams and his mysterious Rattlers. So far this season this FAMU squad has raised more questions than it has answered. Was North Carolina Central's defense that good or was the Rattler offense that bad in FAMU's 9-3 loss to the Eagles? Was North Carolina A&T's offense that good or was the Rattler defense that bad to allow

A&T to score 15 points in the fourth quarter and come from behind to beat A&M 21-14?

Questions, Questions.

The Rattler fans are about ready for some answers.

There are several theories as to what accounts for the present plight of the Rattlers, and while all seem to hold water or make some sense, the Orange and Green Natives don't want to hear them. These Natives are restless and the only thing that will put them at ease is victory, victory, yea, yea, yea!

In effect, the Rattlers have their backs to the wall and are hoping to strike back tonight against the Alabama State Hornets.

But the Hornets will have a little to say about the outcome of the game, too, in case someone forgot. Incidentally, this is the same Alabama State team that beat the Rattlers 13-8 a year ago at Montgomery.

The Rattlers are too good a team to keep losing, though. They have too much talent and too much going for them to keep beating themselves with petty mistakes, fumbles, interceptions and penalties.

They have had their share of critical injuries and bad luck and they are about ready to surface from the winless doldrums and show their true colors.

If Williams and his squad are going to start winning, however, they almost must start tonight or it could be an extremely long season.

That is why tonight's game probably will be one of the most exciting of the season. A Rattler with his back to the wall is a dangerous thing. In fact, a Rattler on the defensive is more deadly than one on the offensive.

The Rattlers are on the defensive tonight. Their pride and prestige have been wounded seriously and they are still under attack by being rated the underdogs in their own stadium.

If that won't bring out the best—or worst—in them, nothing will.

Look for a Rattler effort tonight that will not take no for an answer; one that will take the fight to the Hornets and one that will claw and scratch until the final gun for this important victory.

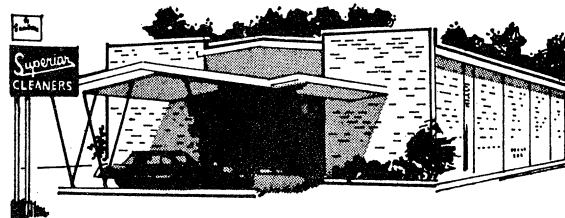
This is the turning point and the Rattlers say it can't be any other way.



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Greetings from the President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome you to our campus for our first home football game of the season.

On behalf of the FAMU family I would like to extend a special welcome to the representatives of Alabama State University. We are more than happy to renew this annual rivalry and always look forward to meeting you in high-spirited football games characteristic of all FAMU-ASU meetings. We could not wish for a finer opponent.

Also, this night has special meaning to us at Florida A&M University for the spotlight in the pre-game and halftime ceremonies will be directed toward one who has brought the spotlight to Florida A&M for so many years—Professor and Athletic Director Emeritus, Jake Gaither.

Tonight's game promises to be an exciting one and I am sure you will enjoy the performances of these two fine football teams as they meet on the field.



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WHEREAS, Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither has been Head Football Coach, Professor of Health and Physical Education, Administrator, Director of Athletics, and Civic Servant at Florida A & M University for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, in addition he has contributed significantly to the overall program of college sports, serving as the President of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, life member of the Trustee Board of the American Football Coaches Association, and serving on the television committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty-five year tenure as Head Football Coach at FAMU, "Jake" Gaither has established an enviable record of 203-36-4, for a winning percentage of .835, and is often referred to as the winningest coach in all the land; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of hard work, he has become one of the most admired and respected individuals in the community, and is regarded as a great motivator of men, stimulating and inspiring them to rise to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, by his unselfish sharing of time, energy and ability, "Jake" Gaither has been a vital part of the development and growth of hundreds of young people; practicing and living the spirit of brotherhood of man; and

WHEREAS, effective August 31, 1973, "Jake" Gaither did retire at FAMU, and the City of Tallahassee feels it is altogether fitting and proper that such an unselfish and devoted citizen be recognized and commended by the grateful citizens of this City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, I hereby proclaim Saturday, October 6, 1973 as

Jake Gaither Day

WITNESS my hand and seal this 4th day of October, A.D., 1973.

s/Joan R. Heggen

JOAN R. HEGGEN, MAYOR

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

Success is Spelled "J-A-K-E"

by ROOSEVELT WILSON

This day is a special day for one who has meant something special to Florida A&M University for so many years.

Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither retired from his final official position on August 31 when he stepped out as director of athletics and professor of physical education.

That day marked the end of an era in athletic prosperity for Florida A&M that probably will have no equal. When Gaither stepped down, a bit of history went with him and no historian, no matter how thorough, will be able to give an accurate assessment of how much this man meant to so many.

The real tragedy of the Jake Gaither legend is that to the millions of persons who have heard of him but have not been fortunate enough to meet the man, he is just a former football coach profiting from that remarkable 203-36-4 record.

Actually, the phenomenal record is just a by-product of Gaither's genius. He would have been equally successful if he had chosen to be a lawyer, minister, businessman, or whatever.

Few people know it, but it was Gaither who coached the Rattlers to their first conference basketball championship. Yes, BASKETBALL. Gaither came to Florida A&M originally as head basketball coach and assistant football coach in 1937. It wasn't until 1945 that he became head foot-

A. S. GAITHER WAS AN ULTRA-SUCCESSFUL COACH BUT HE COULD HAVE BEEN AN ULTRA-SUCCESSFUL ANYTHING.

ball coach. It mattered not, though. He would have been a winner, anyway.

This might be extremely difficult for one to understand if one has only a casual knowledge of Gaither.

I know of no other man who can evoke the awe, admiration, respect, hate and love of a person simultaneously.

They might not admit it but all, save none, of the men who played and worked for Gaither have experienced this feeling. He worked them hard, both as players and coaches. His demands at times seemed overbearing and unfair. Some players couldn't take it and gave up. The others stuck it out and enjoyed more success than they probably experienced before or since. Some of the coaches, most of whom played under Gaither, didn't want to take it either but they did and are better off for it.

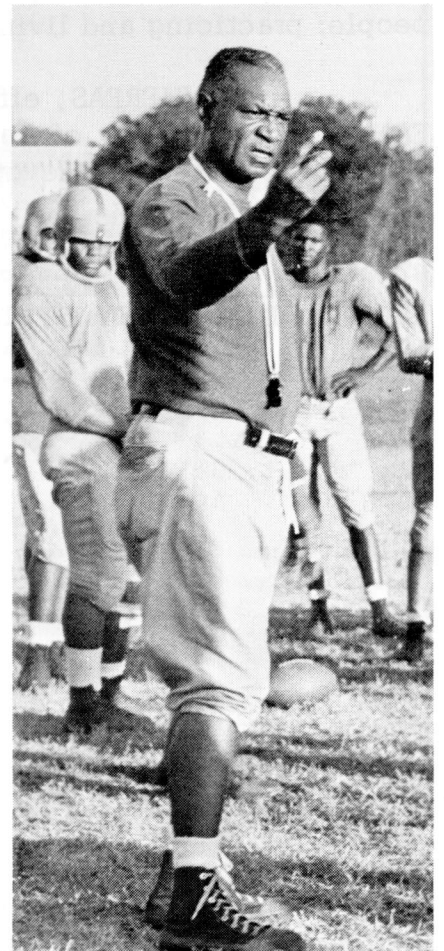
The closest parallel to Gaither was the late Vince Lombardi. He, too, was a master at getting that extra 10 per cent from his men . . . that extra 10 per cent the men themselves didn't know they had. Lombardi also was the kind of person that left his men with mixed emotions, not knowing whether to love or hate him; but somehow knowing in no uncertain terms that they had to produce for him . . . they just HAD to.

Gaither created this feeling not only in the men who worked and played

for him, but it overflowed into those who were just around him.

He seems to hold a magic spell over all those who know him and they can but watch in awe as Gaither goes about his work.

The man has a remarkably analytic mind, exceptional reasoning ability and an oratorical eloquence that combines with his power of persuasion to



make all of his arguments one-sided ... in his favor.

Thus, he got the reputation of running the whole show at Florida A&M. His critics, behind his back, said he had too much power and often fought unsuccessfully to undermine or undercut him wherever possible.

But Jake was too strong to be undermined or undercut.

Either of the presidents under which Gaither worked at Florida A&M would be the first to say that Gaither did not run the University. They would also be the first to say that Gaither **did** run the physical education department, athletic department and football program, when he was in charge of them, though. And he ran them with an iron fist.

He is a man of principle and will stand up for his beliefs "until hell freezes over."

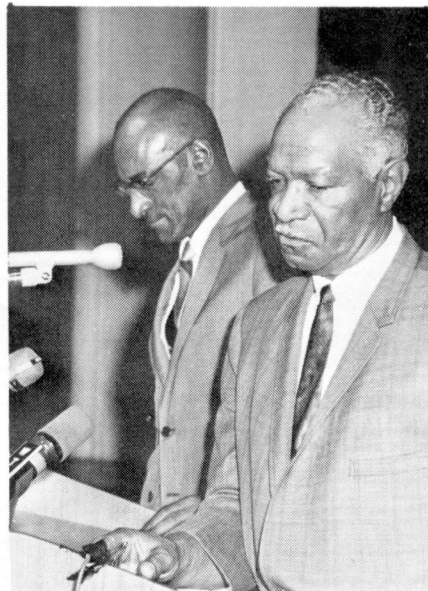
The National Football League has lost only two arguments—one to the United States Congress over the TV

Blackout Issue in 1973 and the other to Jake Gaither over the use of the Orange Bowl in 1971.

Jake retired from coaching following the 1969 season with that 203-36-4 record. He gave up the rest last August and now is kept busy on the banquet circuit.

His heart is still at Florida A&M, though, and he lives and dies with every play of a football game just as he did when he was coaching. He was in Atlanta when the Rattlers dropped a 9-3 decision to North Carolina Central and emerged from one of the VIP boxes at the stadium as spent as if he had played the game himself.

His wife, Sadie, kept him home the next week when the Rattlers lost to North Carolina A&T 21-14 but that didn't help. He almost wore a path in the carpet and again was spent after the game was over. "I don't know whether to keep him home or let him go," Mrs. G was to say later.



Gaither announced his retirement from active coaching, January 29, 1970. In background is successor, Robert "Pete" Griffin.

That A&T game, by the way, was the first Florida A&M game Gaither has not seen in person since he was hospitalized with a broken leg in 1967.

As Gaither is honored today some might still think that he is being honored because he was one of the nation's successful football coaches.

The Committee to Honor Jake, which has spearheaded this most worthy effort, and most of the other people, know that Jake has meant more than winning football games to this university, state and nation.

If we had more Jake Gaithers we would have fewer problems on this troubled earth.

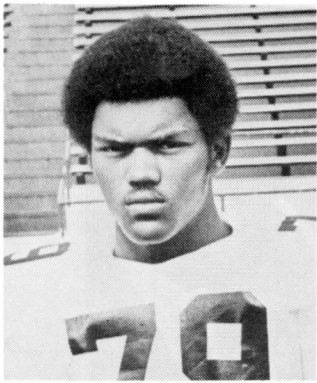
Today is Jake Gaither Day but history will remember a Jake Gaither Era. And all of us who are fortunate enough to be his contemporaries someday will realize what it means to have been touched by greatness.

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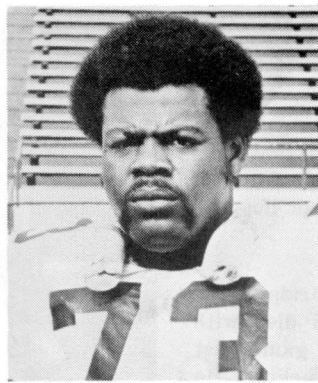
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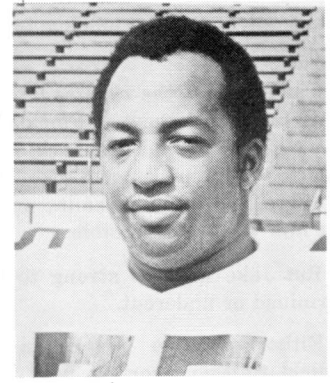
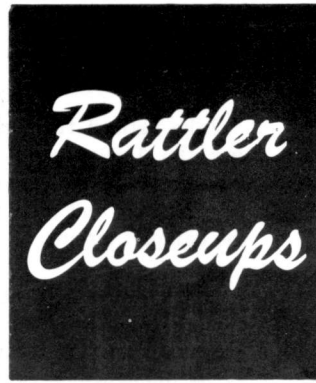




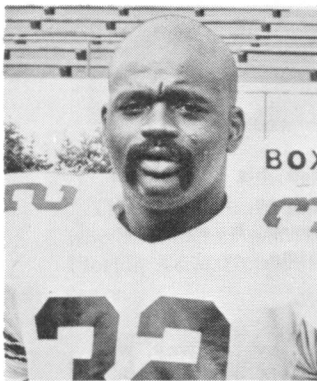
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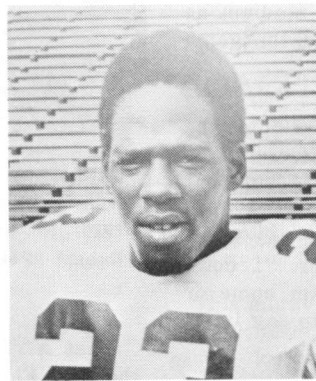
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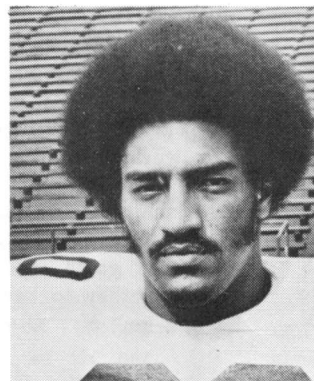
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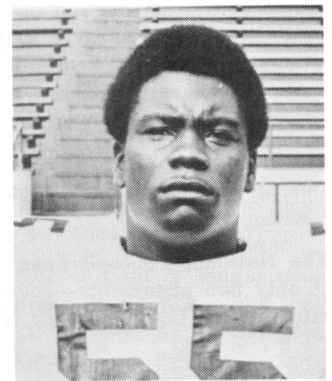
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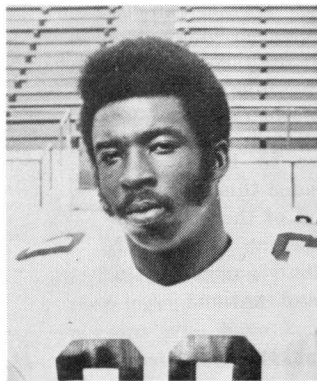
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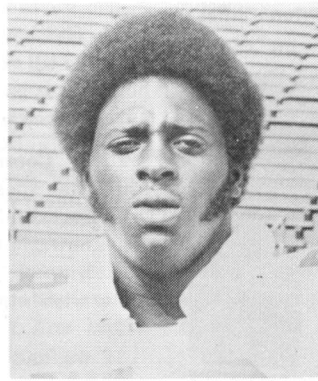
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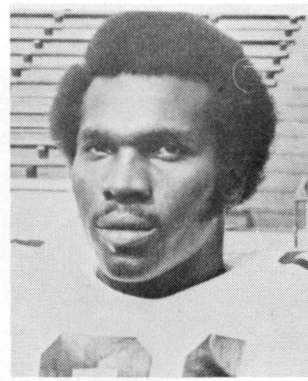
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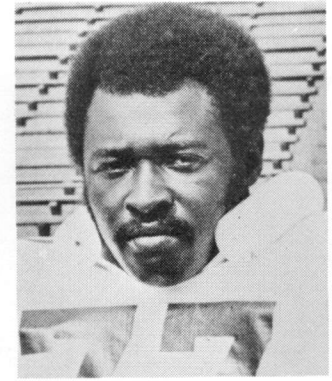
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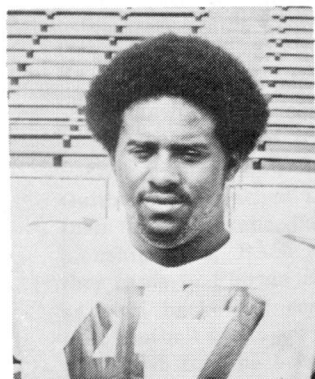
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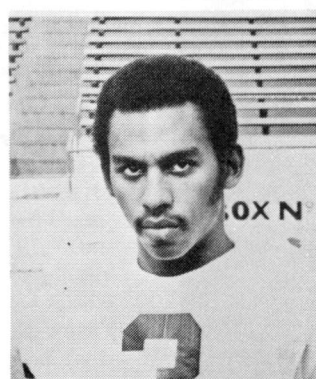
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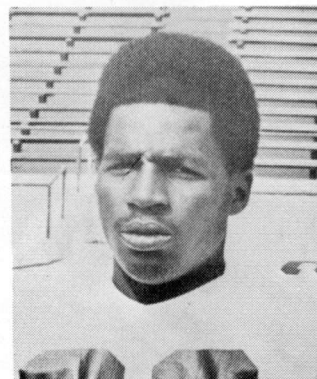
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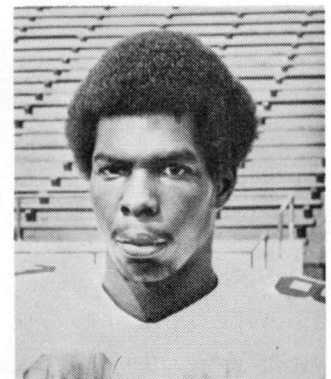
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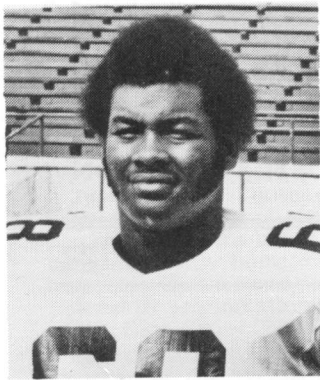
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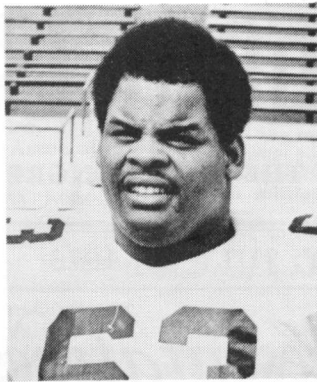
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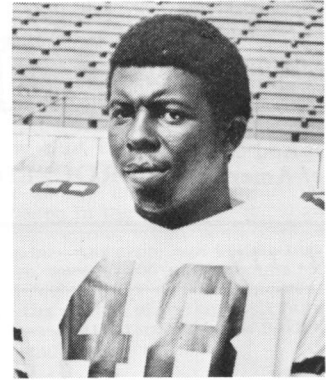
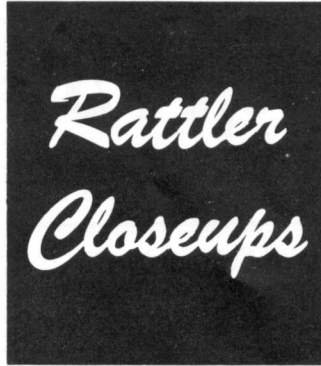
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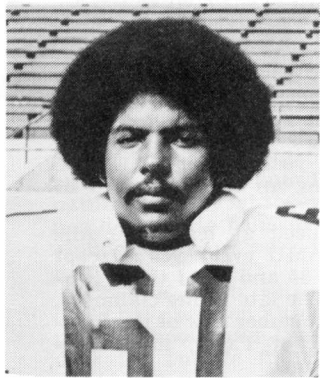
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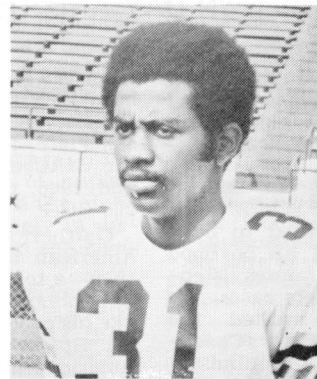
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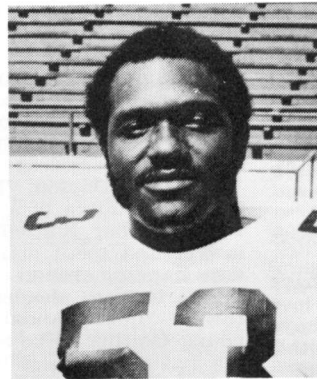
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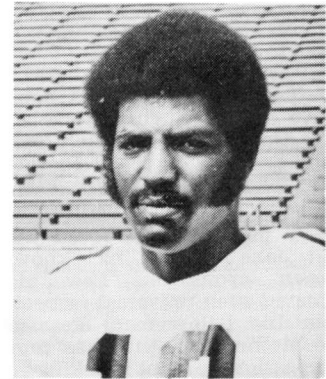
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JAKE GAITHER WAS LEGEND IN HIS OWN DAY AND TIME

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest stories in sports comes to an active end on August 31, 1973. On that day, Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither officially ends his career at Florida A. & M. University in Tallahassee, Fla.

A story ends—a legend begins.

Few men have achieved the success that Jake Gaither has known in his chosen profession. Few men have achieved such universal respect and love from his fellow men. Few men have known the thrill that has come to this compassionate giant in taking young men and instilling confidence and pride in them to the extent that those lessons are never forgotten.

How much did he contribute through the lives of "my boys" as he calls them? There is no measure that I can use, only to say that this is the real success that Jake Gaither has had with his life.

For anyone who knows him, knows that deep down he feels that the contributions that "my boys" have made and still continue to make have made everything he ever tried to do worthwhile. It has made the pain of physical ailment, all of the toil and struggle to achieve both academic and athletic excellence for his beloved A. & M., all the effort and dedication more than worthwhile.

Not long ago there was an article in a major newspaper that quoted Coach Gaither as saying:

What I got out of 42 years in the profession was the happiness of influencing the lives of hundreds of boys. I do not measure my success by what they did on the football field, but what they did 15 years later. The world doesn't owe Jake a thing.

That latter statement is probably one of the few times he has ever been wrong.

The world owes Jake Gaither a great deal.

Today, in the Congress, I call attention to the man and his achievements. It is a story in the best American tradition, one I think that every person in this great land of ours can read with pride.

When you describe this venerable gentleman who faces his sunset years with the same kind of dedication to his school and his profession that he demonstrated in his prime, you have to do it simply and honestly and without frills—because this is the way he is.

Considering everything he has done and everything he has meant to so many people, it is almost inconceivable to think Gaither got into coaching by accident—but it was by accident.

Born in Dayton, Tenn., as one of the five children of a Zion A.M.E. minister, Gaither himself wanted to be a lawyer and spent many of his boyhood days hanging around courthouses listening as lawyers pleaded their cases. His father, understandably, wanted the young Gaither to be a minister. Coaching was the furthest from the minds of both.

The death of his father during Gaither's senior year in college was perhaps the turning point in a life that later was to reshape the futures of countless scores of young Americans.

After his father died, Gaither had to assume "man-of-the-house" responsibilities, so when he got his degree from Knoxville College, he also got a job—as teacher and coach in a high school.

That was the beginning and it is obvious now that coaching was Gaither's real calling.

When he earned his B.S. degree in 1927 from Knoxville College, the good jobs and positions were not as open to the young black man as they are today. Pro football was a thing as remote to most college men of any race as going to the Moon. The logical livelihood of a man in his position had to be coaching.

It was a choice he has never had cause to regret. He had been an All-SIAC end for the Knoxville Bulldogs, and if teams in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference did not draw the public attention that the white conferences did, that did not dilute their power, talent or skill one iota.

Gaither had met a coed named Sadie Robinson at Knoxville who was to become his wife and the next 10 years were to be spent as head coach of Hendersonville (N.C.) Institute and St. Paul Polytechnical Institute in Virginia before history was made and Jake Gaither became associated with Florida A. & M.

His first assignment was assistant to "Big Bill" Bell, but in 1945, A. & M. elevated him to the head job and for the next quarter century he enjoyed unparalleled success.

In those 25 years, Gaither's Rattlers never had a losing season. His worst

records were 6 to 4 in 1946 and 7 to 3 in both 1965 and 1966. During that matchless era his teams won six national black collegiate football championships and the SIAC every year except 1951, 1952 and 1966, posting an overall record of 203–36–4.

Gaither produced at least one All-American at FAMU every year except 1949—a total of 35 and 11 of them two-time honorees. The late Willie Galimore, like his coach a member now of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, made All-America three times.

He was the winningest active coach in the Nation at the time of his retirement.

Along with Galimore, other noted stars who played under Gaither included Bob Hayes of the Dallas Cowboys, Major Hazelton of the Miami Dolphins, Ken Riley of the Cincinnati Bengals, Roger Finnie of the New York Jets, Alfred Denson of the Minnesota Vikings and Hewritt Dixon and Carleton Oates of the Oakland Raiders.

A book by Gaither and his associates entitled "The Split Line T Offense of Florida A. & M. University" was published in 1963 by Prentice-Hall, Inc.

In 1969, the Washington, D.C. Touchdown Club chose Gaither to receive its award for the Outstanding Contribution to Football in the Nation and again he was named Coach of the Year by both the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The American Football Coaches Association elected him as a permanent member of its board of trustees in 1969.

Presently he is president of the Football Coaches Foundation and recently became the first black to be named to the famed Orange Bowl Committee of Florida. He serves as a member of the powerful television committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Recently he was inducted into the Tennessee Hall of Fame and received a meritorious award from the American Football and Basketball Coaches' Association for his outstanding contribution to intercollegiate athletics. His other accomplishments and honors make up a list too long to enumerate, and the list keeps getting longer.

A city recreation center, park, and golf course were named in Gaither's honor in

Tallahassee in 1954. The Tallahassee Quarterback Club presented Gaither its Service Award in 1956 and in 1960 the Rattler boss was named Coach of the Decade by the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta, Ga.

Gaither was named to the Helms Foundation Football Hall of Fame in 1961 and was selected Coach of the Year for small colleges in 1962. Also, in 1962 the Florida Sports Writers Association named him to its Hall of Fame.

Just recently Gaither was honored with two additional awards which he places high on his list of treasures. At a banquet in his hometown of Middlesboro, Ky., Gaither was made a Kentucky Colonel by proclamation of the Governor of the Blue Grass Commonwealth.

Shortly afterward, the East Tennessee Chapter of the Football Hall of Fame presented the Distinguished American Award for his "contributions to football, to his race, and to his community."

Even as he steps down and out of the place he has given most of his life, Jake Gaither is still battling for his school.

It is true that this amazing man's success came during a time when black athletes were not recruited by white schools. He had something good going for him, but it took outstanding coaching and an indelible knowledge of human nature to put it all together in the manner he did. He believes strongly in discipline and hard work toward the common goal.

A white coach with his background could have written his own contract with many schools and the prospects these days for outside financial connections would be limitless. Jake views it all with a philosophical tolerance that reveals his character. Not that he has not had offers—he has. But nobody could buy him away and it is still true, even in retirement. He says:

If I did it all again, it'd be for A. & M., but I don't think I'd change schools for \$10,000 difference in salary. Peace, happiness and contentment mean more to me than money.

He does not resent losing some top athletes in recent years to bigger and predominantly white universities. Integration, he knew, was inevitable. Long before it became fashionable, Gaither worked for better race relations.

But, he does resent efforts to phase out A. & M. because it is predominantly black.

You can't destroy a people's alma mater overnight that has been built up over 80 years. Florida A. & M. has tradition. And the Black people are not responsible for this situation. We were put in it because of the times. Now they want us to suffer further by eliminating the school. It's not fair for us to be penalized twice. The citizens of Florida want A. & M. to remain autonomous. It's the people in Washington, HEW, that are causing the trouble. We've got solid alumni and pretty good facilities. We just don't have the money the other universities do.

The one thing he asked when we talked about doing this speech was that someone listen. He is deeply concerned about the attitude of some officials in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare toward the work that Florida A. & M. has done. Gaither said:

HEW has been giving us the devil because they say we have not integrated enough. Thirty percent of our teaching staff is white and there are 130 white students among a

coeducational enrollment of about 4,000.

We have one white on our football team, an offensive tackle will be a senior next season. We try to recruit whites but the good athletes are hard to find. They are grabbed up by the white schools.

If they are not good, they do not have much chance of making our team.

There is a tremendous adjustment to be made by a white. Negroes have been going through it for years. People call them dirty names... the militants. We had a good white player three years ago, a good kicker. He made good on 13 of his 14 field-goal tries. But the militants got to him. He had to leave.

We had to take the initiative here in the Deep South to get white players. We got four boys from Atlanta, but three of them did not want to go to school (classes).

It takes a hell of a lot of time to build up the racial attitudes that now exist and it takes a hell of a lot of time to tear it down. It is a condition that we didn't build up. They (whites) did years ago.

I don't want a white boy just to say I got one. We want blue-chip players. But HEW is putting on a lot of pressure from Washington. It is cruel.

We have to survive. The state keeps us going financially, but we have to compete for Florida athletes with the University of Florida, Tampa, Florida State, Miami, Georgia Tech, Alabama, Mississippi and Auburn.

Then there are the other schools who can wine and dine the prospect and have influential alumni. We had one white man on our track team who was mediocre and a basketball candidate lasted a couple of days. One of these days we're going to come up with an outstanding white athlete.

We have to compete with most of the major schools. Everybody is attracted to Florida because we have had good teams.

These statements are so typical of Jake Gaither. He wanted to talk about Florida A. & M. and its future rather than Jake Gaither.

And I am in complete agreement that Florida A. & M. should remain an autonomous institution. I say only that if its dedicated faculty were given more support, they would do even more than the tremendous job I feel they are doing today.

When you talk to Coach Gaither about his career and ask him just why he has been so successful, he talks a great deal about "his boys." It is couched in tones of genuine affection and esteem—his players were more to him than just students.

I like to deal with hungry boys, not hungry for food in their stomachs, but hungry for recognition, for pride and accomplishment. I don't know if I could have practiced that philosophy at a rich man's school, although it's just too much a part of my philosophy of life. Football is more than a game, it is a laboratory to build manhood.

Any boy who put on the Orange and Green at A. & M. had to know that I was the best friend he was ever going to have. He knew he could talk with me, he knew he could call me day or night and I'd be there. That's confidence.

Another thing about football and my philosophy is that this is a game of mental attitude. It goes for life too. One team can drive down the field for 60 or 70 yards and appear invincible. A fumble or intercepted pass gives momentum to the other team and they drive down the field to score. That's mental attitude. My boys had to have confidence in me, they had to have a sense of pride and a will to win. I never walked off the field, win or lose, that I didn't feel I had done my very best.

But I can tell you I never went out there to lose. I've often said I can teach more character winning than I can losing. A man has

to play to win, and when he suffers a reverse, he has to know that he gave it his all.

Jake Gaither has overcome physical ailments that would have hampered a lesser man. He had two malignant brain tumors removed and was blind for three weeks. It was a hundred to one shot that he did not suffer some form of paralysis. He overcame that and all of the other handicaps that life put in his way. He said:

I count as my biggest accomplishments beating Tampa in the first inter-racial game, not because we won; either team could have won the game—the score was 34-28—but because there were 47,000 at the game, 50-50 black and white, and not one incident in the game, the stands, or in the city (Tampa). And then we beat Grambling the next week in my last game as a coach.

Dr. Benjamin L. Perry, president of Florida A. & M. University, has this to say about Coach Gaither:

What superlatives are adequate when one discusses a man whose accomplishments and deeds have bridged the generation gap; lifted youngsters from the ghetto and transformed them into productive citizens; reached a level of athletic success that has known no equal; and set an example in human relations that our nation and other would do well to follow.

What superlatives are adequate to describe Jake Gaither who, as an academician, built one of the strongest health and physical education programs in the country; who, as a coach, won an incredible 203 of the 243 football games he coached at Florida A. and M. University, smashed through the racial barrier and blazed the trail for interracial football on the college level in the South, lifted Florida A. and M. University by its athletic bootstraps and made the word "Rattler" a household name.

What superlatives are adequate in attempting to assess the value of a man to whom athletics is not an end in itself, rather a means to an end; to whom the ultimate goal is success in life, achieved through the facilities of a physically sound body and an educationally sound mind.

What superlatives are adequate—I say none.

There is little more that can be said.

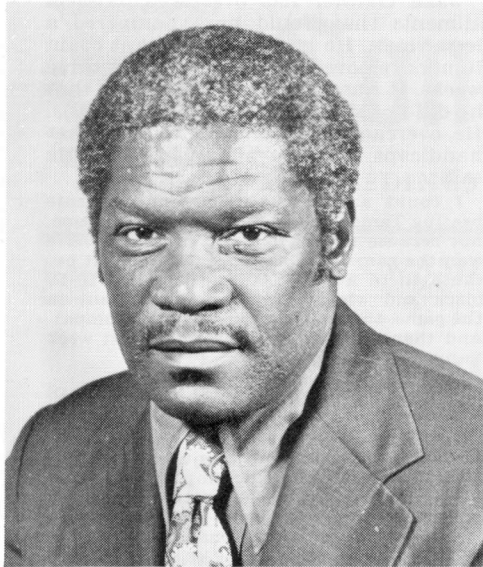
His life has been an inspiration. He is one of those rare individuals who have known in their own lifetime how much he is appreciated. It was just a few months ago that the largest graduating class in the history of Florida A. & M. was held in the Jake Gaither Gymnasium.

He wept at the standing ovation from the audience of 5,000. He could not help but remember the years it took to see this magnificent building erected—not for Jake Gaither—but for the university and the students he loved and served so well.

Here in the Halls of the Congress I have attempted to pay tribute to a great and good man. It would not be fitting not to again mention that lady who made everything worthwhile, his eternal sweetheart who shared his joys and sorrows. It goes without saying that she is a part of that legend.

To this wonderful couple I can only add that mankind will speak of your life and achievements so long as men admire courage, dedication, and accomplishment. In your lifetime, you already know that you have entered the pages of history.

We may not see your like again.



JIM WILLIAMS/Head Coach

James J. "Big Jim" Williams is entering his second season as head coach of the Rattlers. His young squad posted a 5-6 mark in 1972 but with a year's experience under the new system should be ready to come around for the 1973 campaign.

Williams played four years for Florida A&M and has coached both

in high school and college as well as worked for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

A native of Tampa, Williams entered Florida A&M in 1942 and was the lone freshman in the starting lineup under Bill Bell. Before the end of the season he had taken over the starting quarterback-tailback job, an act unheard of for a freshman under Bell's reign.

The Rattlers went undefeated that year (9-0-0) and won the national championship.

"Big Jim" entered the army the following year and didn't rejoin the Rattlers until 1946, but when he did return, Williams took back his job as starting quarterback and led the Rattlers to a 23-7 record over the next three years. At the end of his senior year, 1948, Williams was a first team Chicago Defender All-American.

His last three years at Florida A&M were spent under Jake Gaither and the legendary Rattler coach remembers Williams as "one of the best punters and passers we ever had."

After leaving A&M, Williams returned to Tampa as a high school coach at Don Thompson High School (the name later was changed to Blake). He remained

there until 1965 and during his tenure as head coach he compiled a record of 88-11-3. His Blake teams were perennial state champions or runners-up.

Williams left Blake and joined the coaching staff at Southern University at Baton Rouge, La., in 1966 but stayed only one year as coach of the defense and kickers.

The riots flared up in Tampa in 1967 and Williams was called back to help quell the disturbance . . . and he did, as an official of HEW.

When the quiet was restored to Tampa, Williams returned to the Hillsboro County School System. He later spent four years as an assistant coach at the University of Tampa.

One of the first things he did after taking over the Rattlers was to commit himself to do "all I can to return the Rattlers to their winning tradition. I am making no promises or predictions but I am going to work hard, my staff is going to work hard and the players are going to work hard to try to revive the old Rattlerism here at FAMU."

Williams is married to the former Lillian Maxey of Tampa and they have one daughter who is married and living in Dallas, Texas.

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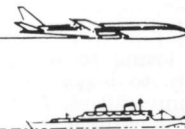
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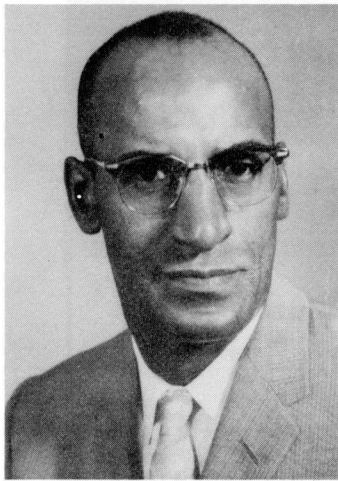
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ROBERT "PETE" GRIFFIN

Defensive Coordinator

Griffin came to the Rattlers as head line and defensive coach for football and track coach in 1944. He was an All-American center on Florida A&M's first national championship football team in 1938. He served as head coach of the Rattlers during the 1970 season following the retirement of Jake Gaither and led FAMU to a 5-5 record. "Pete" retired following the 1970-71 school year but rejoined the staff in 1972. He is a native of Columbus, Ohio, and holds the Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University. He is hailed as one of the nation's top defensive coaches.

FAMU RATTLEERS

ASSISTANT

COACHES



JEFFERSON

DENNIS JEFFERSON

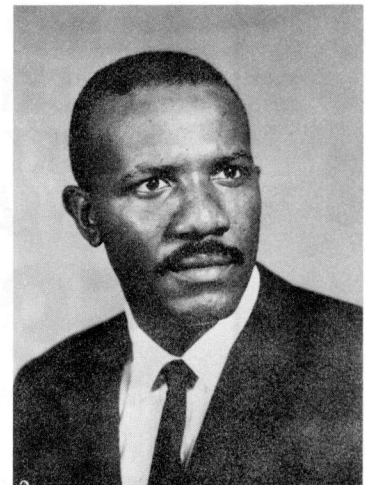
Offensive Backs

Jefferson is another product of the Florida A&M football system. He came all the way up through the Rattler system, first at FAMU High and then at the University where he played quarterback from 1954 through 1956. A 1957 graduate of FAMU, Jefferson was head coach at Stone High in Melbourne, a backfield assistant at Mississippi Valley State College for a year and head coach at Shaw University before he decided to return to the Rattler Den. Jefferson, entering his fourth year as a Rattler coach, threw 11 TD passes his senior year in 1956.

BOBBY LANG

Offensive Line

Lang is in charge of the offensive interior line. He enters his eighth season as a member of the Rattler coaching staff. Lang was an ALL-SIAC performer during his playing days at FAMU where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. He is assistant professor of physical education and head track coach. His track team won the SIAC championship from 1968 through 1970 and in 1968 his 440 relay team (Major Hazelton, Jim Ashcroft, Gene Milton and Nate James) became the first in history to retire the James C. Patterson Challenge Cup at the Penn Relays by winning it three consecutive years. Lang joined the FAMU staff in 1966 and is a native of Jacksonville.



LANG



KITTLES

COSTA "POP" KITTLES

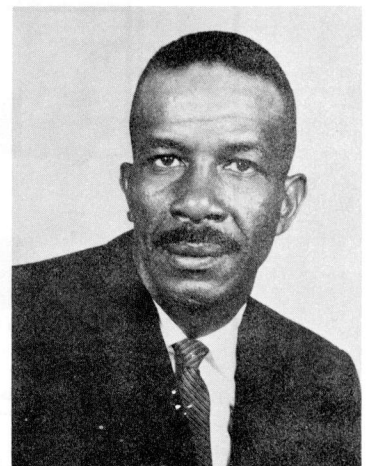
Offensive Coordinator

Another FAMU alumnus, Kittles has produced some top flight receivers. He has gained the reputation as being a specialist in developing ends. He enters his 21st season as a Rattler coach. Kittles earned All-American honors while playing end for the Rattlers in 1950. He also holds a master's from Ohio State and is an assistant professor of physical education. He is head baseball coach and has turned out perennially strong teams. Considered one of the most thorough coaches in the business, Kittles also is known for getting results in the classroom as well as on the football field or baseball diamond. He is a native of Jacksonville.

ROBERT "BOB" MUNGEN

Defensive Secondary

Mungen is a 1953 graduate of FAMU and during his undergraduate days played end, halfback and quarterback for the Rattlers. He is head tennis coach and assistant professor of physical education. He earned his masters at Indiana University. Prior to joining the Rattler staff, Mungen was head coach at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla., and Knoxville (Tenn.) College. He is also in charge of the freshmen and works with the varsity punters and kickers. His defensive secondaries are known for their ruggedness, speed and hard hitting. Mungen is a native of Jacksonville and is in his 13th season as a Rattler coach.



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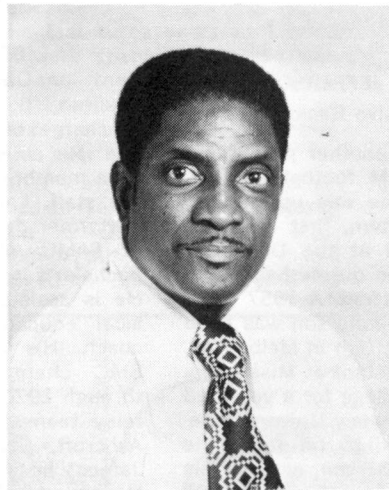
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Theme: "Proclamation of "Jake" Gaither Day"

1. ENTRANCE

2. FORMATION: Block Band

MUSIC: "Fight Fanfares"

TRAVELLING: Percussion Cadence

3. FORMATION: Football with letter "J"

MUSIC: "National Football League" Theme

**PRESENTATION: Dr. Benjamin L. Perry, Jr., President,
Florida A&M University**

**PROCLAMATION: The Honorable Joan Heggen, Mayor
the City of Tallahassee, Florida**

TRAVELLING: Percussion Cadence

4. FORMATION: Block Band

MUSIC: "The Star Spangled Banner"

5. MANEUVER: Exit

MUSIC: "Oh Happy Day"

HALF-TIME PAGEANT

**Theme: "Salute and Tribute to Dr. Alonzo S. (Jake) Gaither,
Professor—Athletic Director Emeritus, Florida A&M University."**

1. ENTRANCE

FORMATION: Company Front

MUSIC: "20th Century Fanfare"

2. MANEUVER: Precision drill ending in JAKE

MUSIC: "You Are The Sunshine Of My Life"

TRAVELLING: Percussion Cadence

3. FORMATION: .835

MUSIC: "Mighty Rattler"

TRAVELLING: Percussion Cadence

4. FORMATION: Concert Band

MUSIC: "I Believe In You" and "Let's Get It On"

TRAVELLING: "FAMU Spirit"

5. FORMATION: FAMU

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Florida A&M University. The Honorable Reubin O. Askew,
Governor of Florida. Mr. Maxwell S. Thomas, Chairman of
Committee to honor "Jake Gaither."**

**RESPONSE: Dr. Alonzo S. (Jake) Gaither, Professor—
Athletic Director Emeritus, Florida A&M University.
Committee to Honor "Jake Gaither."**

MUSIC: "The Florida A&M University Alma Mater"

TRAVELLING: "Percussion Cadence"

6. FORMATION: Block Band

MANEUVER: Dance Routine

**MUSIC: "The Men," "Hey Big Brother," "Hot Pants Road"
"Fence Walk."**

MANEUVER: Exit

MUSIC: Theme from "The Mack"

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FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER 1973

NO.	NAME	CLAS.	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
3	Rodney Montgomery	4	QB	5-10	158	Tallahassee
10	Kenny Holt	3	QB	6-4	188	Salisbury, N.C.
11	Clint Baker	3	QB	5-10	175	Miami
19	Kenneth Clark	2	DB	6-2	165	Orlando
20	Curtis Parnell	2	DB	6-0	176	Miami
21	Leroy Powell	4	DB	5-10	140	Tallahassee
23	Felix Williams	3	DB	6-2	185	Miami
24	Greg Coleman	2	K-P	6-0	180	Jacksonville
30	Ralph Kyles	2	RB	5-11	183	Tampa
31	Jimmy Henry	2	DB	6-2	185	Jacksonville
32	Charles Whiting	4	RB	5-10	185	Largo
33	James Rackley	3	RB	6-0	202	Jacksonville
34	Mike Darby	3	RB	5-11	190	Tampa
35	Tom Jones	2	DB	5-11	166	Miami
38	Aubrey Childers	3	DB	6-2	197	Salisbury, N.C.
41	Cal Burgess	1	WR	6-1	167	Tallahassee
42	Eric Truss	1	P	5-9	180	Tampa
43	Carlos Swain	2	RB	6-1	185	Pensacola
45	Albert Kelly	1	DE	6-5	210	Gainesville
46	Les Kirkland	4	WR	5-9	170	Tallahassee
47	Calvin Moore	4	RB	5-11	218	Plant City
48	Earl Goodman	2	RB	6-0	206	Tampa
51	Thad Starling	4	MG	5-10	210	St. Petersburg
52	Benny Coffee	4	LB	6-1	222	Plant City
53	Ralph Hill	4	C	6-1	230	Chicago, Ill.
54	Lloyd Cobbs	2	C	6-2	240	Jacksonville
55	Charles Young	2	C	6-2	228	Jacksonville
60	Mathis Edmundson	3	DT	6-1	240	Columbus, Ga.
61	D. L. Goodrum	4	OG	6-1	220	Winter Haven
62	Curtis Taylor	2	OG	6-2	215	Starke
63	Willie Brewton	1	LB	6-4	206	Ocala
64	Johnny Carter	4	DT	6-2	245	Orlando
66	Frankie Poole	2	MG	6-4	205	Melbourne
67	Alvin Summers	2	OT	6-3	210	Belle Glade
68	Curtis Edmundson	2	OG	6-2	235	Columbus, Ga.
69	Vince Rusie	1	LB	6-3	220	MacClenny
70	Seabon Dixon	3	OT	6-4	230	Jacksonville
71	Wayne Campbell	1	OT	6-4	220	Detroit, Mich.
72	Leanders Harvey	3	DT	6-0	210	Tallahassee
73	William Thomas	4	OG	6-3	243	Gainesville
74	Paul Echols	3	OT	6-4	240	Jacksonville
75	Tim Thompson	2	OG	6-2	280	Stuart
77	Frank Marion	4	DE	6-4	210	Gainesville
78	Henry Lawrence	4	OT	6-4	253	Palmetto
79	Oscar Barton	3	DT	6-2	222	Palmetto
80	Randall Williams	2	TE	6-4	225	Orlando
81	Eddie Lingo	4	WR	6-2	180	Miami
82	Eugene Wommock	1	TE	6-4	225	St. Petersburg
83	Neal Dent	4	DE	6-3	225	Augusta, Ga.
84	Mike Sorey	1	WR	6-2	195	Miami
85	Bernard Powell	3	LB	6-4	210	Quincy
86	Willie Cook	2	WR	6-2	185	Lakeland
87	Tony Bullock	4	LB	6-4	220	Quincy
88	Luther Dedmon	2	DE	6-4	195	Tulsa, Okla.
89	Doc Berry	4	DE	6-3	210	Miami

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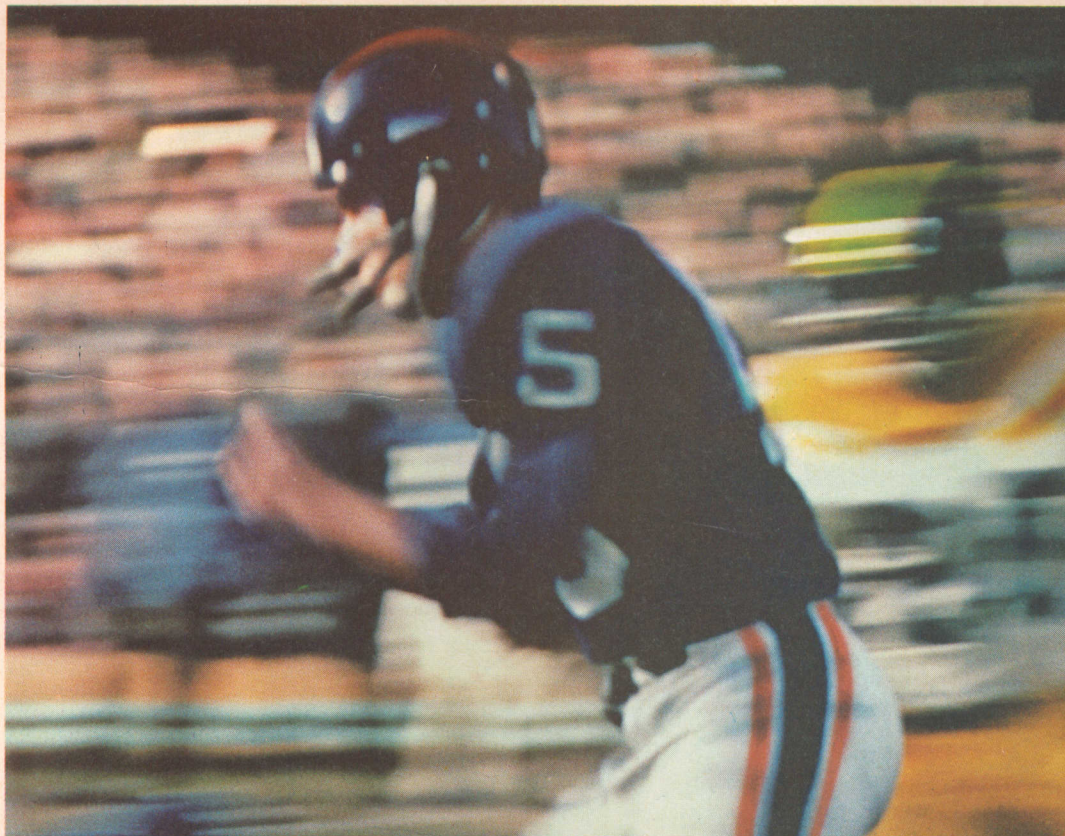
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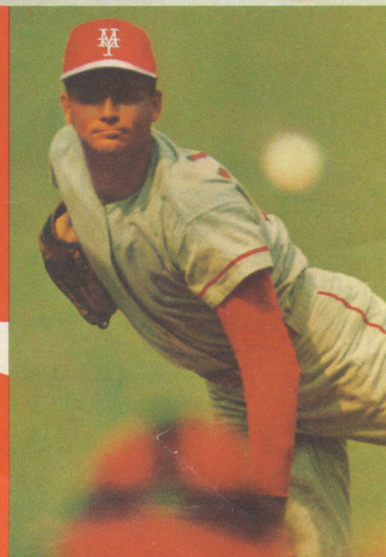
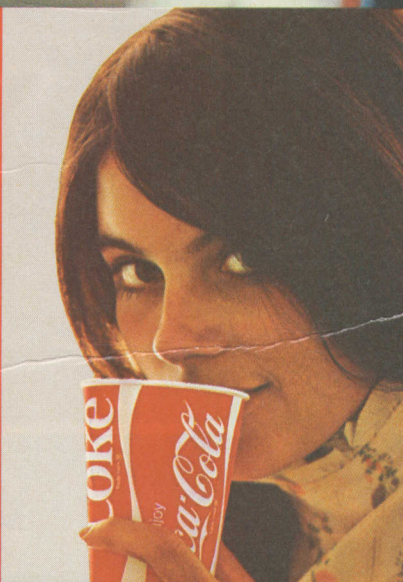
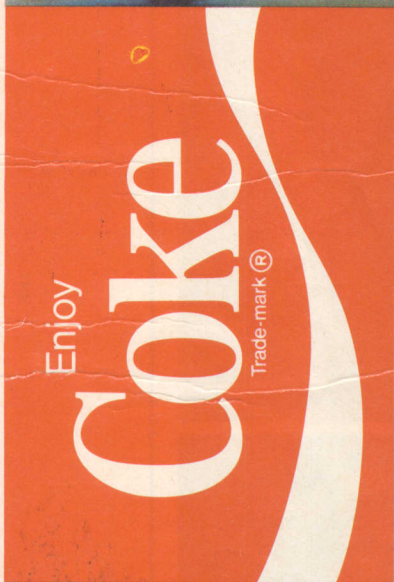


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74	Paul Echols	WT
67	Alvin Summers	WG
53	Ralph Hill	C
73	Wm. Thomas	SG
78	Henry Lawrence	ST
80	Randall Williams	TE
10	Kenny Holt	QB
33	James Rackley	RB
32	Charles Whiting	RB
3	R. Montgomery	FL

FLORIDA A & M

DEFENSE

77	Frank Marion	LE
82	Eugene Wommock	LT
51	Thad Starling	MG
64	Johnny Carter	RT
89	Doc Berry	RE
52	Benny Coffee	LB
87	Tony Bullock	LB
19	Kenneth Clark	CB
20	Curtis Powell	S
21	Leroy Powell	S
23	Felix Williams	CB

THE RATTLER SQUAD

11	Baker, qb	45	Kelly, de
79	Barton, dt	46	Kirkland, wr
89	Berry, de	30	Kyles, rb
63	Brewton, lb	78	Lawrence, ot
87	Bullock, lb	81	Lingo, wr
41	Burgess, qb	77	Marion, de
71	Campbell, ot	3	Montgomery, qb
64	Carter, dt	47	Moore, rb
38	Childers, db	20	Parnell, db
19	Clark, db	66	Poole, dt
54	Cobbs, c	85	B. Powell, lb
52	Coffee, lb	21	L. Powell, db
24	Coleman, db-k	33	Rackley, rb
86	Cook, wr	69	Ruise, lb
34	Darby, rb	84	Sorey, wr
88	Dedmond, de	51	Starling, mg
83	Dent, lb	67	Summers, og
70	Dixon, og	43	Swain, rb
74	Echols, ot	62	Taylor, og
68	C. Edmundson, og	73	Thomas, og
60	M. Edmundson, dt	75	Thompson, ot
48	Goodman, rb	42	Truss, p
61	Goodrum, og	32	Whiting, rb
72	Harvey, db	23	F. Williams, db
31	Henry, db	80	R. Williams, te
53	Hill, c	82	Wommock, te
10	Holt, qb	55	Young, c
35	Jones, db		

DEFENSE

49	Preston Flucker	LE
69	Lawrence Willis	LT
62	John Middleton	RT
23	James Smith	RE
51	Douglas Davis	LB
32	Clarence Kendricks	LB
64	Zeno Johnson	LB
35	Jerome Hopper	LB
14	James Booth	DB
24	Raymond Smith	DB
41	Ronald Hopper	DB

ALABAMA STATE

OFFENSE

27	Isiah Golliday	SE
67	Thomas Gibbs	LT
71	Willie Daniels	LG
53	David Mayfield	C
60	James Daniel	RG
74	Larry Long	RT
80	Edward Simpkins	TE
16	Don Walker	QB
31	William Evans	FB
14	James Booth	RB
83	O. L. Actwood	FL

THE HORNET SQUAD

83	Actwood, fl	58	C. Jones, lb
86	Allen, lb	48	M. Jones, te
81	Anthony, de	64	Johnson, lb
66	Barnes, lb	32	Kendricks, lb
25	Barnett, db	73	Lampton, dt
14	Booth, db	74	Long, ot
89	Braswell, de	82	A. McKee, rb
10	Broadnax, qb	52	W. McKee, c
63	Burney, t	84	Madison, oe
20	Calvin, rb	53	Maxfield, c
29	Collins, db	62	Middleton, dg
60	J. Daniels, og	55	Mims, lb
76	W. Daniels, og	44	Moss, fb
79	Davidson, dt	75	Parker, ot
51	Davis, lb	85	Prater, fl
26	DeJarnet, s	42	Pressley, rb
28	Dukes, db	91	Rogers, dt
87	Dumas, de	65	Simon, og
31	Evans, rb	80	Simpkins, de
49	Flucker, db	23	J. Smith, lb
67	Ford, og	24	Ra Smith, lb
22	Franklin, rb	15	Re Smith, qb
71	Gibbs, ot	61	Stokes, db
27	Golliday, db	50	Turner, c
30	Grant, fb	45	Tyson, og
40	Hamilton, db	16	Walker, qb
35	J. Harper, db	17	Ware, db
41	R. Harper, db	12	C. Williams, fl
11	Harris, db	90	L. Williams, g
33	Hicks, rb	69	Willis, dt
77	Huntington, ot		

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NO.	NAME	POS.	WT.	HT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
10	Lonnie Broadnax	QB	213	6'3"	Soph	Montgomery, Alabama
11	Frankie Harris	DB	180	5'10"	Soph	Daphne, Alabama
12	Curtis Williams	FL	170	5'9"	Jr	Orrville, Alabama
14	James Booth	DB	190	6'0"	Sr	Bassfield, Mississippi
15	Readus Smith	QB	170	6'0"	Fresh	Louisville, Kentucky
16	Don A. Walker	QB	175	6'0"	Sr	Bessemer, Alabama
17	William Ware	DB	187	6'0"	Fresh	Pontiac, Michigan
20	Donald Calvin	RB	180	5'10"	Fresh	Montgomery, Alabama
22	Ricky Franklin	RB	176	5'10"	Soph	Greenville, Mississippi
23	James Smith	LB	185	6'0"	Soph	Dothan, Alabama
24	Raymon Smith	DB	174	5'11"	Jr	Union Springs, Alabama
25	James Barnett	DB	183	5'11"	Fresh	Montgomery, Alabama
26	Henry DeJarnett	S	178	6'0"	Fresh	Montgomery, Alabama
27	Isiah Golliday	DB	160	6'0"	Jr	Clarksville, Tennessee
28	Jerry Dukes	DB	160	5'9"	Jr	Clarksville, Tennessee
29	Ronald Collins	DB	175	6'0"	Jr	Montgomery, Alabama
30	Ike Grant	FB	201	5'10"	Soph	Alexander City, Alabama
31	William Evans	RB	199	6'0"	Soph	Marion, Alabama
32	Clarence Kendricks	LB	183	5'9"	Jr	Clarksville, Tennessee
33	Willie H. Hicks	RB	196	5'9"	Soph	Alexander City, Alabama
35	Jerome Harper	DB	197	5'9"	Sr	North Port, Alabama
40	Wilbert Hamilton	DB	183	5'11"	Soph	Montgomery, Alabama
41	Ronald Harper	DB	180	6'1"	Jr	Thomasville, Alabama
42	Sylvester Pressley	RB	185	6'2"	Jr	Detroit, Michigan
44	Lucian Moss	FB	194	6'1"	Jr	Clarksville, Tennessee
45	Willie Tyson	OG	240	5'9"	Fresh	Elba, Alabama
48	Micheal Jones	TE	199	6'1"	Jr	Chicago, Illinois
49	Preston Flucker	DB	191	6'0"	Sr	Evergreen, Alabama
50	Eddie Turner	C	225	6'2"	Sr	New Orleans, Louisiana
51	Douglas Davis	LB	210	6'0"	Fresh	Anniston, Alabama
52	Winfred McKee	C	205	6'3"	Fresh	Georgiana, Alabama
53	Donald Maxfield	C	237	6'0"	Fresh	Theodore, Alabama
55	Harrison Mims	LB	200	6'0"	Fresh	Bay Minette, Alabama
58	Carlton Jones	LB	205	5'11"	Fresh	Pontiac, Michigan
60	James Daniels	OG	240	6'1"	Sr	Wetumpka, Alabama
61	Oscar Stokes	DB	177	5'9"	Fresh	Pensacola, Florida
62	John Middleton	DG	230	6'0"	Jr	Evergreen, Alabama
63	Johnny Burney	T	219	6'1"	Jr	Montgomery, Alabama
64	Zeno Johnson	LB	220	6'3"	Jr	Brewton, Alabama
65	Arthur Simon	OG	217	6'1"	Soph	Pensacola, Florida
66	Woodrow Barnes	LB	192	5'9"	Fresh	Pensacola, Florida
67	Roderick Ford	OG	250	6'0"	Fresh	Mobile, Alabama
69	Lawrence Willis	DT	220	6'2"	Sr	North Port, Alabama
71	Thomas Gibbs	OT	240	6'2"	Soph	Pensacola, Florida
73	Charles Lampton	DT	226	6'3"	Sr	Kokomo, Mississippi
74	Larry Long	OT	248	6'2"	Sr	Guthrie, Kentucky
75	Robert Parker	OT	265	6'5"	Sr	Franklin, Kentucky
76	Willie Daniels	OG	270	6'2"	Sr	Wetumpka, Alabama
77	Stanley Huntington	OT	257	6'5"	Sr	Mobile, Alabama
79	Anthony Davidson	DT	275	6'3"	Soph	Mobile, Alabama
80	Edward Simpkins	DE	195	6'1"	Fresh	Pensacola, Florida
81	Willie Anthony	DE	181	6'1"	Soph	Columbia, Mississippi
82	Alfred McKee	RB	200	6'3"	Jr	Georgiana, Alabama
83	O.L. Actwood	FL	176	6'1"	Soph	Greenville, Mississippi
84	Elbert Madison	OE	195	6'2"	Fresh	Fort Walton Beach, Florida
85	Ollie Prater	FL	187	5'10"	Fresh	Sylacauga, Alabama
86	Gregory Allen	LB	210	6'2"	Fresh	Anniston, Alabama
87	Hal Dumas	DE	186	6'3"	Sr	Montgomery, Alabama
89	Willie Braswell	DE	230	6'3"	Sr	Montgomery, Alabama
90	Lindsey Williams	G	200	6'0"	Jr	Mobile, Alabama
91	Herbert Rogers	DT	235	6'1"	Fresh	Mobile, Alabama

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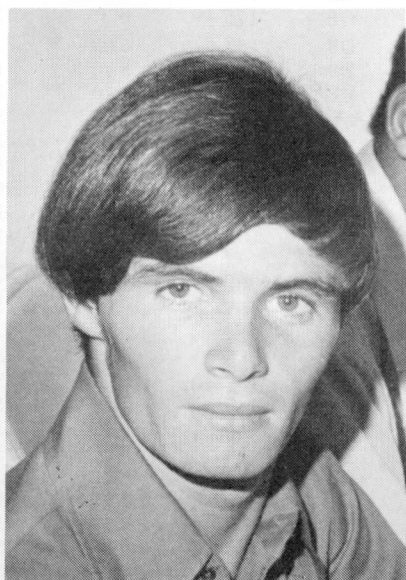
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This year the Rattler Radio Network is bigger and better than ever with a crew of three experts and a network of eight stations throughout Florida and South Georgia.

Independent Life is again the life of the network as the insurance company is sponsoring the network for the second year in a row. WMBM Radio Station in Miami is the flagship station for the network. Allan B. Margolis, president of WMBM is network producer.

The men who make the network go, though, are among the best in their respective fields and they virtually take the fans "to the field" via the radio.

Gary Mitchell and Ed Littler handle the play-by-play and Hansel Tookes does the analyzing.

Mitchell is in his third year with the Rattler Network. He was in on the ground floor when the network was being built four years ago. He is currently anchorman for the 11:00 News for WCTV Television in Tallahassee. His experiences range from working with NBC Radio & TV at the Democratic and Republican Conventions in 1968 to working with the Junior Miss Pageant for CBS to play-by-play for the Florida State baseball games.

This is the second year for Littler on the network. He was the lone play-by-play man last season and teamed with color man Al Rock to do an outstanding job. Ed also has worked with FSU baseball and basketball.

Tookes is the athletic director at FAMU but his ex-

perience as a coach and player for over 25 years makes him well suited for the analyst role. The new AD takes time from a busy schedule to sit in on the network and donates all compensation to the athletic department.

With this trio at the controls and with Independent Life providing the background support, Rattler fans have a network that rivals any in the country for its quality. The number of stations keeps growing and soon the Rattler Network will rival any for size too.

NETWORK STATIONS

WBOP—Pensacola
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WMBM—Miami
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UPDATING FAMU

Perry Tells It Like It Is...

"While the powers in the state were looking the other way, we took what they gave and produced one of the finest educational institutions in the nation," said Dr. B. L. Perry in his annual convocation address to faculty and students in Gaither Gymnasium, last week.

"For many years we were not given too much attention by the state, we received just enough to stay alive and exist, but today people know that we are here, for our record of accomplishment is one of the most enviable ones in the system."

In a convocation program that featured of Marching "100" introduction of the Rattler football team and new cheers by the cheering squad, Dr. Perry emphasized the achievements of each school and college and individual achievements of alumni.

"We produced," he said, "23 percent of the black pharmacy graduates in the nation and we are the only predominantly black institution in this country that has been awarded the Arthur Young Accounting Chair and only one of seven in the nation that has been so honored among all universities and colleges."

Dr. Perry cited the accreditation of graduate and undergraduate programs in the School of Education by the National Association of Accreditation for Teacher Education, which will be in effect for the next 10 years.

He mentioned that when speaking in Philadelphia during the summer, in the audience were the four black directors of food services at hospitals in Philadelphia and three of the four were graduates of the FAMU School of Agriculture and Home Economics.

"Our first white graduate is now an employee of the sociology department and a doctoral student at Florida State University," he said. Dr. Perry also lauded the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Human Services for receiving more than \$800,000 in federal funds during the past school term.

"We are a proud institution," he said, "proud that we have produced the kind of men and women coming from the most humble origins imaginable, who are now healing the sick, teaching the young, engaging in business enterprises, defending the accused, representing the poor and rendering decisions that affect the everyday affairs of this state and nation."

Because FAMU exists, Dr. Perry said, the lower income youth of Florida can become contributors to the system instead of victims.

"We are the hill of opportunity," he said, "we do not shirk from our responsibility, we welcome the opportunity to confront the kinds of challenges that mean a better life for all people."

Departments Share \$\$\$

Four departments in the Florida A&M University college of arts and sciences will split a \$202,400 grant from the College Science Improvement Program (COSIP) to enrich existing programs and aid in faculty development.

The departments of physics, biology, mathematics and chemistry will receive the funds for the next three academic years. Dr. Herbert Jones, pro-

fessor of physics is director of the program.

The physics department phase of the program will emphasize further training for physics faculty, especially in the computer field. Other funds will be used to provide for a visiting professor from Michigan State University and other guest lecturers.

The major thrust of the biology department will be to develop and improve offerings in ecology and marine studies. A facility for faculty and stu-

dent teaching and research will be established on the Ochlocknee River.

Specific plans will include a study of the potential of the Ochlocknee area as a nursery ground for marine resources from both ecological and commercial points of view.

The chemistry department plans to purchase research caliber instruments and establish summer research programs for chemistry majors.

The mathematics department will add new faculty and have more release time for curriculum development and course improvement. New equipment will also be purchased for the improvement of the computer laboratory.

The project also includes an educational component that will provide an educational consultant who will deal specifically with improving communications between the University and the high schools.

"We have received this award because of the fine program we have established in the sciences," says Jones. "Now we will be able to perform at an even higher level of excellence."

Evening, Weekend College Set

An evening and weekend college designed to offer more educational services to the community and commuters got underway with the regular school term in September at Florida A&M University.

Adults in the community who work during the day, in-service teachers and others who reside within commuting distance of FAMU are eligible to enroll in night and weekend class in pursuit of a degree or special course for personal improvement.

Enrollees may pursue either graduate or undergraduate studies. The evening college offers courses Monday through Friday, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. depending on the class schedule for any particular course. The weekend college offers courses on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons.

A student enrolled only in the evening college can take up to 15 quarter

hours a week if enrolled every night, Monday through Friday. A student enrolled only in the weekend college can take up to nine hours per quarter including one course on Friday nights, and two on Saturday.

In addition to degree programs and self improvement courses the new program will offer re-training and up-grading programs geared to employability and advancement, vocational-technical education and manpower development and para-professional training.

Pharmacy Establishes Unit

The Florida A&M University School of Pharmacy has established a South Florida Office of Pharmacy Career Information in Miami.

In making the announcement from his Tallahassee office, Robert S. Scarbough, acting dean of the School of Pharmacy, said the unit was established to better inform the South Florida high school and junior college students of the profession of pharmacy in general and the FAMU School of Pharmacy in particular.

He said the new offices will allow the School of Pharmacy to better serve the prospective students in the huge 24-county area. For the first time, these students will be served by a full-time representative from the University.

SIMMONS Acting VPA

Dr. Gertrude Simmons, the first black to receive a Ph.D. from Florida State University, has been appointed Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florida A&M University by FAMU President, Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr.

Formerly an associate professor in the School of Education, Dr. Simmons has served on the FAMU faculty for 13 years. She received a bachelor's degree from Alabama A&M College, the M.S. from the University of Wisconsin and the Ph.D. from FSU in 1967.

Dr. Simmons is replacing Dr. Mahlon Rhaney who has accepted a position as special advisor to the President. Dr. Rhaney has also been named Vice President Emeritus.

A member of Pi Lambda Theta and Kappa Delta Pi national honor societies, Dr. Simmons has played a major role in the development of special projects and new programs at FAMU.

In the School of Education she helped

develop the training of teachers for Inner City Schools Project and the Urban Educational leadership development project. She also serves as advisor to the Tallahassee Educational Compact, the cluster concept, the Manpower Development and the Upward Bound Committees.

Business Courses Offered

The Department of Business and Economics is offering evening and weekend courses aimed primarily at small businessmen, public employees and individuals who are having difficulty passing tests in order to get employed.

The department has acquired the services of Charles Freeman one of the major labor arbitrators in Florida who will teach Economics 475, a course in public sectors bargaining.

The course is the first of its kind offered by the State University System. It will be designed to attract public officials, attorneys, and students majoring in political science, law and government.

Freeman is a graduate of Florida State University. He received his law degree from the University of Florida and has wide experience in labor bargaining. He is advisor to the Florida Public Employee Collective Bargaining Senate Committee, and has served as general counsel and manager of industrial relations of some of the nation's largest industries, including the Gulf Oil Corporation, The Rockwell Manufacturing Company and Emerson Electric Company.

Chemistry Gets \$24,225

A discussion last summer with officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and a Florida A&M University professor has resulted in \$24,225 grant to the FAMU Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Peter T. Cottrell, assistant professor of chemistry has been awarded the funds from NASA to develop more sensitive methods of analysis for hydracarbon and halocarbon compounds contained in water samples. The award is only for the first year of a three year project.

"Since hydracarbon and halocarbon pollutants are often introduced into the aquatic environment from oil spills, pesticide spraying or industrial effluents," said Cottrell, "re-

liable methods must be developed to arrive at more accurate estimations of how much hydracarbon and halocarbon are in the water samples."

Federal Grants Received

Two federal grants totaling more than \$154,000 have been received by Upward Bound and Special Services Projects at Florida A&M University.

"These two projects work with students who have an under-developed academic potential that aren't uncovered by the present mass academic system," said George Rosselot, director of the programs.

Upward Bound is presently serving 50 students in Leon County from Godby, Leon, Rickards and Florida A&M High Schools. Wakulla County also has 30 students in the program. All students must be high school juniors and seniors.

Upward Bound, in conjunction with the public high schools, seeks out students who have the potential to advance their education, and gives them a more individualized program that can prepare them for college. The students are also helped in academic areas such as reading, math and English.

FAMU HOSTS MEET

FAMU was host on October 1 and 2, to the 21st annual meeting of the Southern Association of Land Grant Colleges and State Universities (SALGCSU).

FAMU president Dr. B. L. Perry who also serves as president of SALGCSU presided over the two-day session.

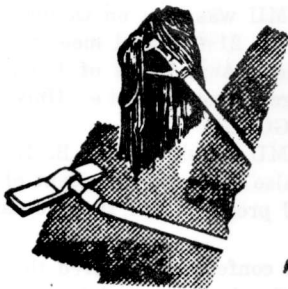
The conference explored the status of Federal support of higher education, the role of the Land-Grant College and curricular and grading innovations in higher education.

Some of the major speakers included Ralph K. Huitt, Executive Director of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), Congressman Don Fuqua, Lewis C. Dowdy, president of North Carolina A&T State University and president-elect of NASULGC, and Dr. Clinita A. Ford, chairman of the FAMU Department of Home Economics.

In addition to tours of FAMU, Florida State University and the Capital City, there was a social hour at the home of Dr. Stanley Marshall, President of FSU.



FAMU 1973-74 CHEERLEADERS—Bottom (from left): Leonard Smith, James Stephens, Arthur Washington, Ralph McCloud, Joe Thomas, Luther Cox. Top: Janet Mobley, Genell Moore, Pamela Dinkins, Debra Wanza, Bonita McCray, Margaret White.



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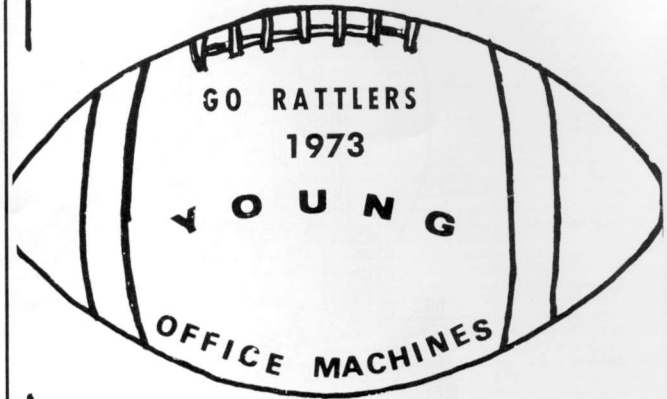
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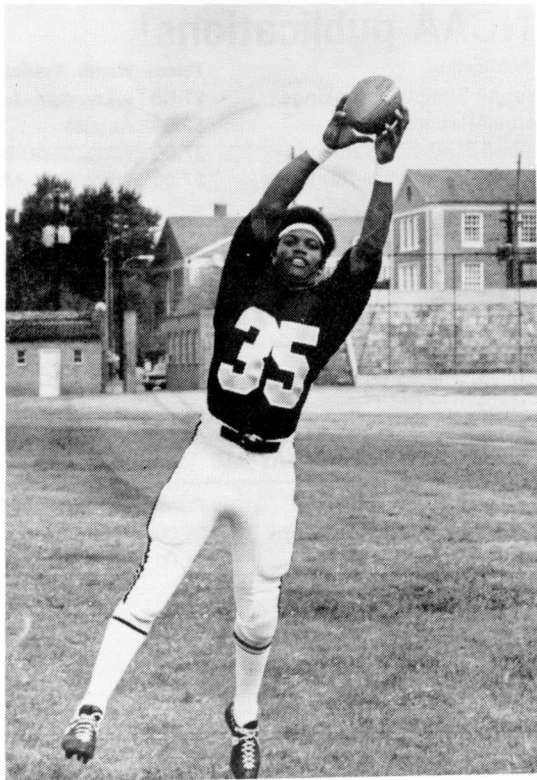
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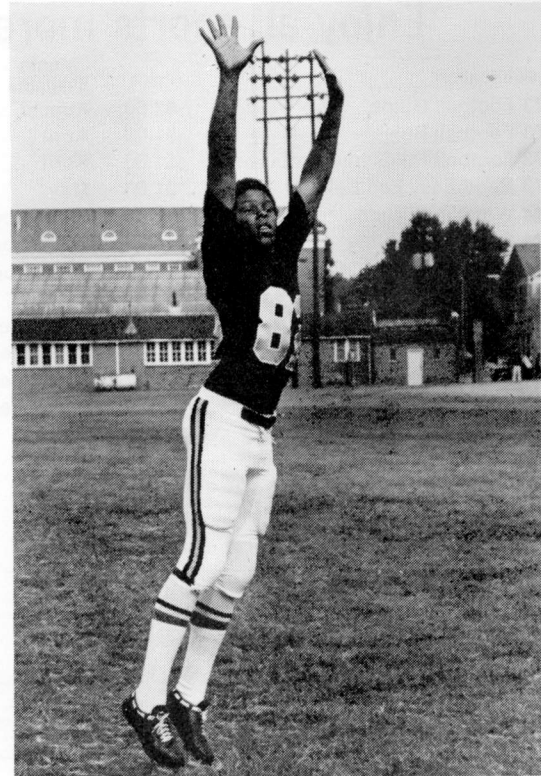


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To culminate the 1973 football season Rattlers will honor Jake Gaither with a testimonial and appreciation banquet. The affair will be held Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Miami Beach, Fla.

Rattlers who could not participate in the "Jake Gaither Day" activities on the Hill on October 6, will have another chance to show their special appreciation to Jake.

Many Rattlers were not contacted because their addresses were unknown. Please help us to get the message to all Rattlers, urging them to participate in making this affair a gigantic one for Jake.

For further information write to:

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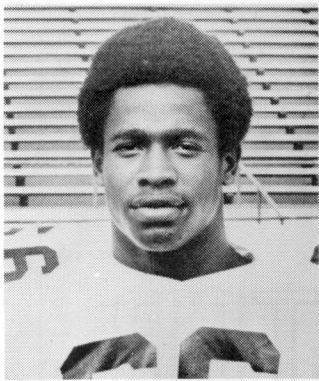
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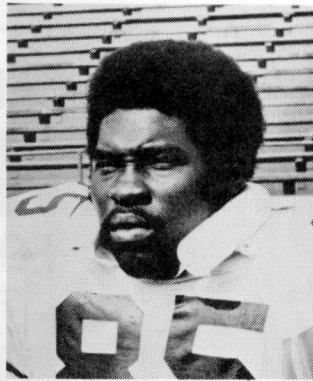
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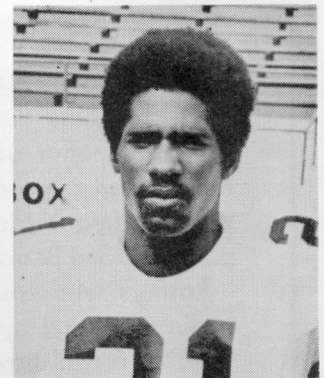
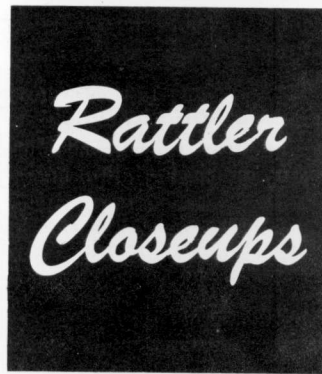
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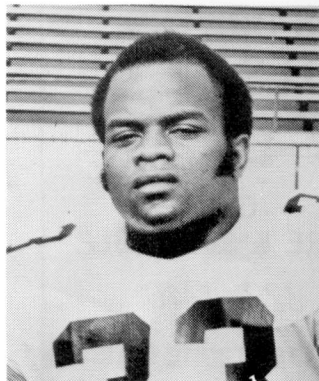
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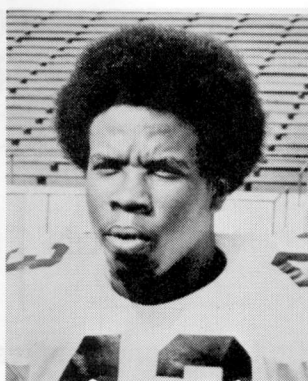
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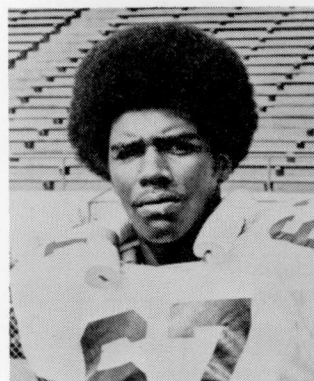
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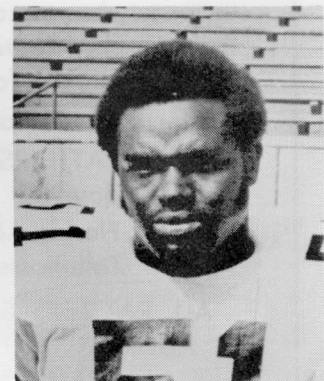
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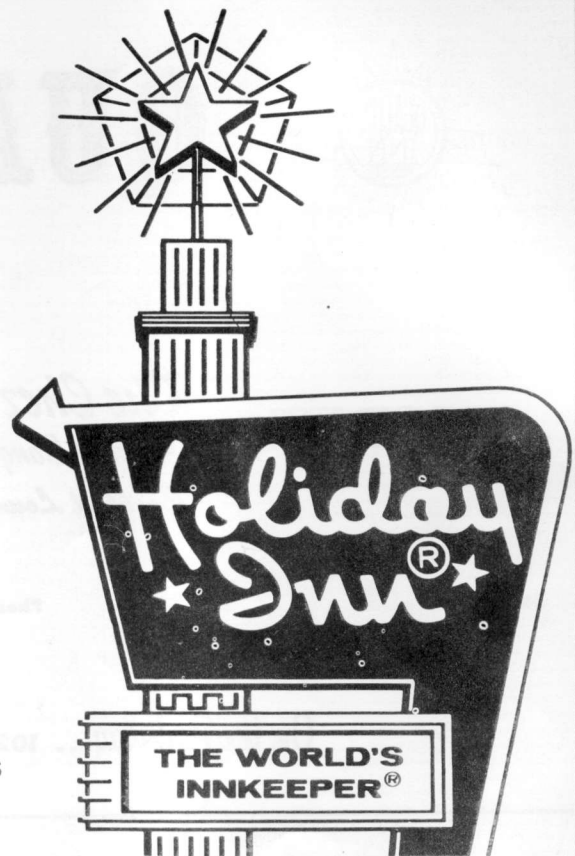
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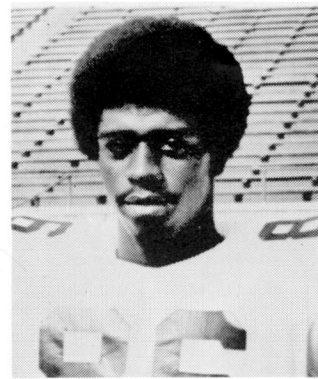
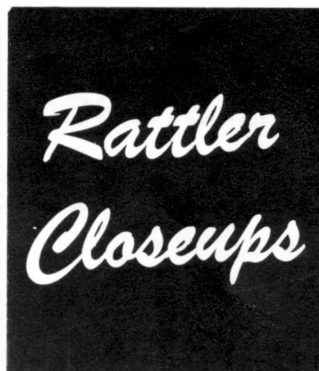




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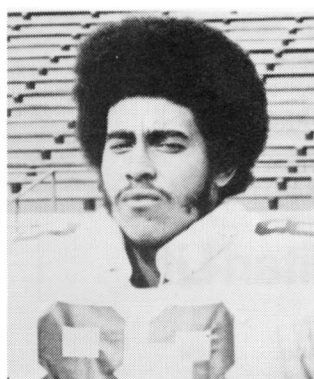
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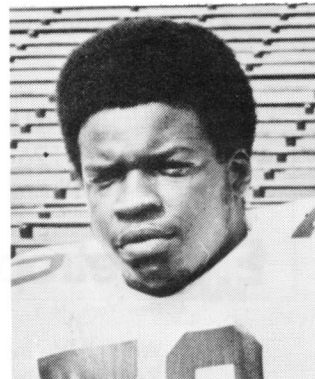
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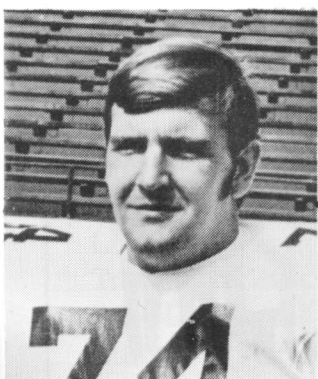
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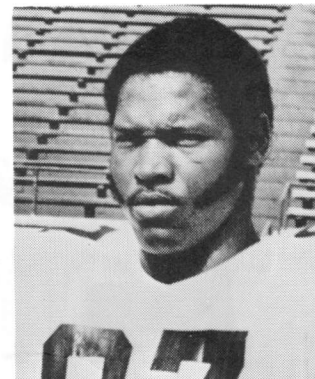
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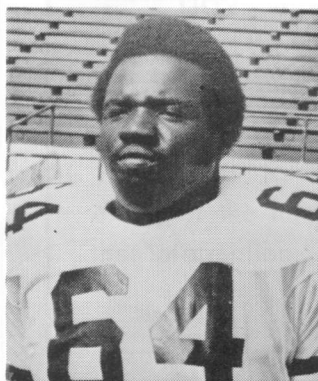
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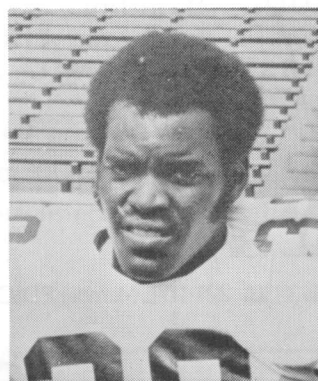
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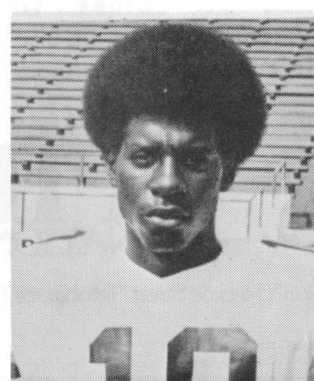
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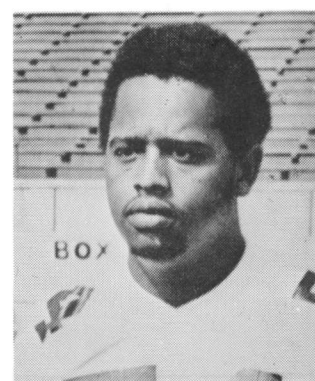
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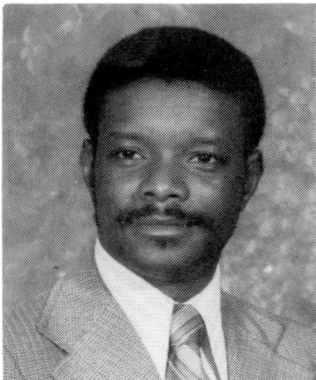
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December		SITE
5*	Bethune Cookman	
6	Morehouse	Atlanta, Ga.
7	Tuskegee	Tuskegee, Ala.

19-20	Gary, Indiana Christmas Tourney Texas Southern Morris Brown Lemoyne-Owen	Gary, Ind.
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January

7*	Miles	
8*	Savannah State	
10*	Knoxville	Knoxville, Tenn.
14*	Savannah State	Savannah, Ga.
16	University of So. Florida	Tampa
17	Tuskegee	
19*	Miles	Birmingham, Ala.
22	Florida Memorial	Miami
24*	Albany State	
26	Paine	
28*	Bethune Cookman	Daytona Beach
30*	Albany State	Albany, Ga.

February

1	Florida Tech	Orlando
4*	Knoxville	
8	Alabama State	Montgomery, Ala.
9	Paine	Augusta, Ga.
13	Alabama State	
14*	Morehouse	
18	Florida Memorial	

*Conference Game
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NOTE—December 28-29, 1973, Benedict (S.C.) Invitational
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College Rules Keep Pace with Game

by DAVID M. NELSON, Secretary-Editor, NCAA Football Rules Committee

There are some sports watchers who believe that the NCAA has a two-front offensive underway, one with the AAU and the other with professional sports. The offensive aimed at the pros is based on the NCAA constitutional provision that there must be a clear demarcation between college athletics and professional sports. Nowhere does the demarcation stand out more than in the differences in the football rules of the two groups.

Many Changes

The college game continues to be a dynamic, exciting contest catalyzed by rules changes that adapt to the cycles of the sport which are created by the increased speed, size and greater skills of the players. There are 180 changes listed for the last 15 years, covering everything from the scoring (two-point conversion), the size of the goal posts (23' 4"), the timing of the game (starting and stopping the clock), a prohibition against blocking below the waist and at least one adjustment in each of the ten basic rules.

While keeping the game alive with innovative changes the NCAA and the National High School Federation have marched to the same drummer, making 73 changes in the last seven years to bring the two codes closer together. There have been very few rule changes in professional football since 1959. The only significant ones in 13 years were (1) the prohibition against grabbing the face mask, (2) the addition of the sixth official and (3) moving the hash marks 20 yards from the sideline. The demarcation between professional football and the college game was dramatically demonstrated by three games played on the West Coast last season. Take a look at the best of the two football worlds and see where the action is:

	USC- Notre Dame	Rose Bowl	Super Bowl
Game Totals			
Final Score	45-23	42-17	14-7
Offensive Plays	136	134	146
Passing Yards	349	352	156
Rushing Yards	331	492	325
Total Yards	680	817	481
First Downs	37	45	28
Punts	11	9	12
Kickoffs	12	10	5
Punt Return Yards	17	0	13
Kickoff-Return Yards	340	162	78
Touchdowns	10	8	3
Points	78	59	21

The National High School Federation and college football are not resting on their laurels and are annually adjusting their rules to the modern game. On the opposite page are the major NCAA changes in order of importance with capsule summaries in the turf handicapper's style.

The two most significant changes for 1973 are the substitution change and the permission given for each team to use its own ball. The change in the substitution rule to permit as many as eleven substitutes to enter the game while the ball is dead originated with the AFCA Football Rules Committee at their meeting in Chicago last January. The coaches have been clamoring for this completely free rule since 1965 when Rule 3-5-1 was changed to permit "platoon football."

Pleasant Surprise

After attempting without success for several years to get a more liberal rule, the coaches forgot about it. The sudden change came as a pleasant surprise to the coaching fraternity. The change will permit faster and smaller players to cover punts and will also permit faster, more agile players to rush the punt.

The officials will "burn a few barns" because they no longer have to check substitutes during the downs other than those where team possession changed. The Rules Committee was elated because three pages of nit-picking interpretations were deleted from the Official Rules Interpretations Book. Everybody seems happy, so the Rules Committee might have done something right for a change.

A change in the rule governing the type of ball that may be used in the game is another amendment that originated with the AFCA. Prior to the 1973 adjustment governing the type of ball used in the game, one brand or manufacture of ball meeting the rule specifications had to be used for the entire game. Coaches complained that one brand either felt different, spiraled differently, looked different, or had a peculiar odor; and these little things upset the passers and kickers so much they gave sub-par performances on the road. Previously, the home team had the choice of the ball to be used in a game.

Helium-Filled Ball?

The new rule raises several interesting questions including the violation of the old adage that you never allow an opponent to use his own ball,



Today's football officials are finding that they must hustle as much off the field as they do on, due to the ever-changing rules of the college game.

dice or cards. Also, it will be difficult to determine how many balls to take to a road game, especially if the visiting team scores six or seven touchdowns and kicks the conversions into the stands. Then there is the problem of handing a team a different ball when they are kicking out of their own end zone. This is the place you might get the one filled with helium or sand.

The Rules Committee is two for two with the coaches because of these changes. It pays to listen to the coaches who are usually right about one thing, i. e., how the game of football should be played.

The Latest Changes...

Rule Description

Comment

1-2-4 It is recommended that the area between the sideline and the limit line (6 feet) in the team area be marked solid white throughout.



This rule should keep people at the sideline from "stepping on the coaches' toes."

1-2-6 Eight flexible pylons of red or orange color (4" x 4" square x 18" high) must be used at the intersections of sidelines with goal lines and end lines (effective 1974 season).



With eight red pylons on the field, the dog who gets on the field will think he is in fire hydrant heaven.

1-3-2 During the entire game, either team may use a & ball of their choice when they are in possession. Int. Book



Using your own ball is almost as good as using your own dice or cards but you can't take your ball and go home.

1-4-4 Numbers at least 8 inches high on the front and 10 inches on the back of the jersey respectively must be worn. Ten inches in front and 12 inches in back are now legal.



Putting 12 inch numbers on 5'8" players is like putting Dick Butkus's jersey on Eddie LeBaron.

1-4-4 All players must wear securely fastened chin straps on their helmets.



This means the helmet can no longer go off without the head going with it and players won't lose their heads.

1-4-4 All players shall use an intraoral mouth protector composed of at least two portions, one an interocclusion portion and the other a labial portion.



There will be no evidence of teeth marks if a player bites an opponent.

1-4-5 Players with artificial arms, legs, or hands are (d) prohibited from playing.



Passers with glass arms are still legal and they get a break.

2-7-2 A valid fair catch signal is extending one hand and one arm above the head and waving them from side to side. (Interpretation: Shading the eyes is an invalid signal unless given before or after a valid fair catch signal.)



What happens if the signal is given from side to side with one hand while shading the eyes with the other?

3-5-1 Any number of eligible substitutes may enter the game between periods, after a score or try, or when the ball is dead during an interval between downs.



With this change, substitutes and officials will no longer be waving at each other during substitutions.

3-5-2 An incoming substitute must enter the game from (c) his team area, and a replaced player must leave the game at the sideline of his team area.



If you want to join the opposing team at their bench when things get rough, it can't be done.

4-1-3 When Team A catches an illegal forward pass in (c) Team B's end zone, or when Team A completes a pass in Team B's end zone to an ineligible player, the ball is dead.



This makes legal what officials have done for years and have been telling the Rules Committee to get it in the Rules.

4-1-2 If a whistle is sounded inadvertently when the & ball is free on a fumble, the ball is returned to the Int. spot of last possession and given to the team that Book had possession of the ball at that spot.



Gives the official an escape clause, so he does not have to swallow his whistle when he has blown it inadvertently.

5-1-3 The ball shall always be spotted with its length axis parallel to the sideline before measuring. The ball will be placed parallel with the sideline.

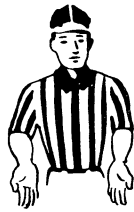


This means there will be no more measurements that are on the bias.

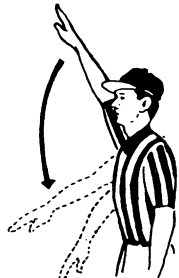
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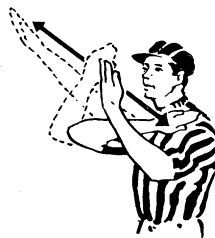
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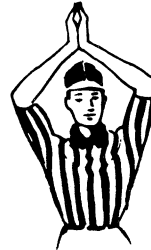
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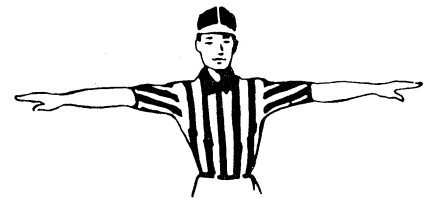
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Touching a Forward
Pass or Scrimmage Kick



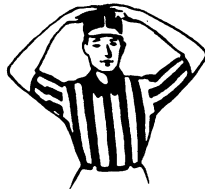
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Loss of Down



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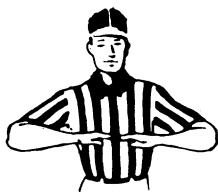
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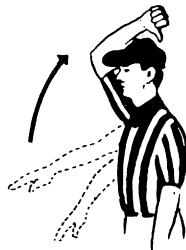
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Offside (Infraction
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Player Disqualified



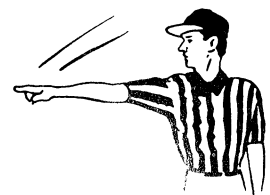
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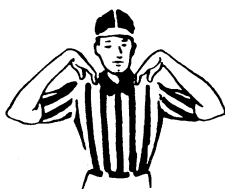
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First Down



Ineligible Receiver
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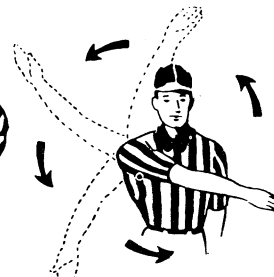
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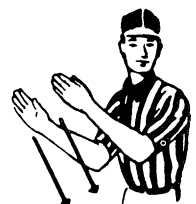
Time out; Referee's
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Time Out followed with
tapping hands on chest.



Forward Pass or
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Interference



Start the Clock



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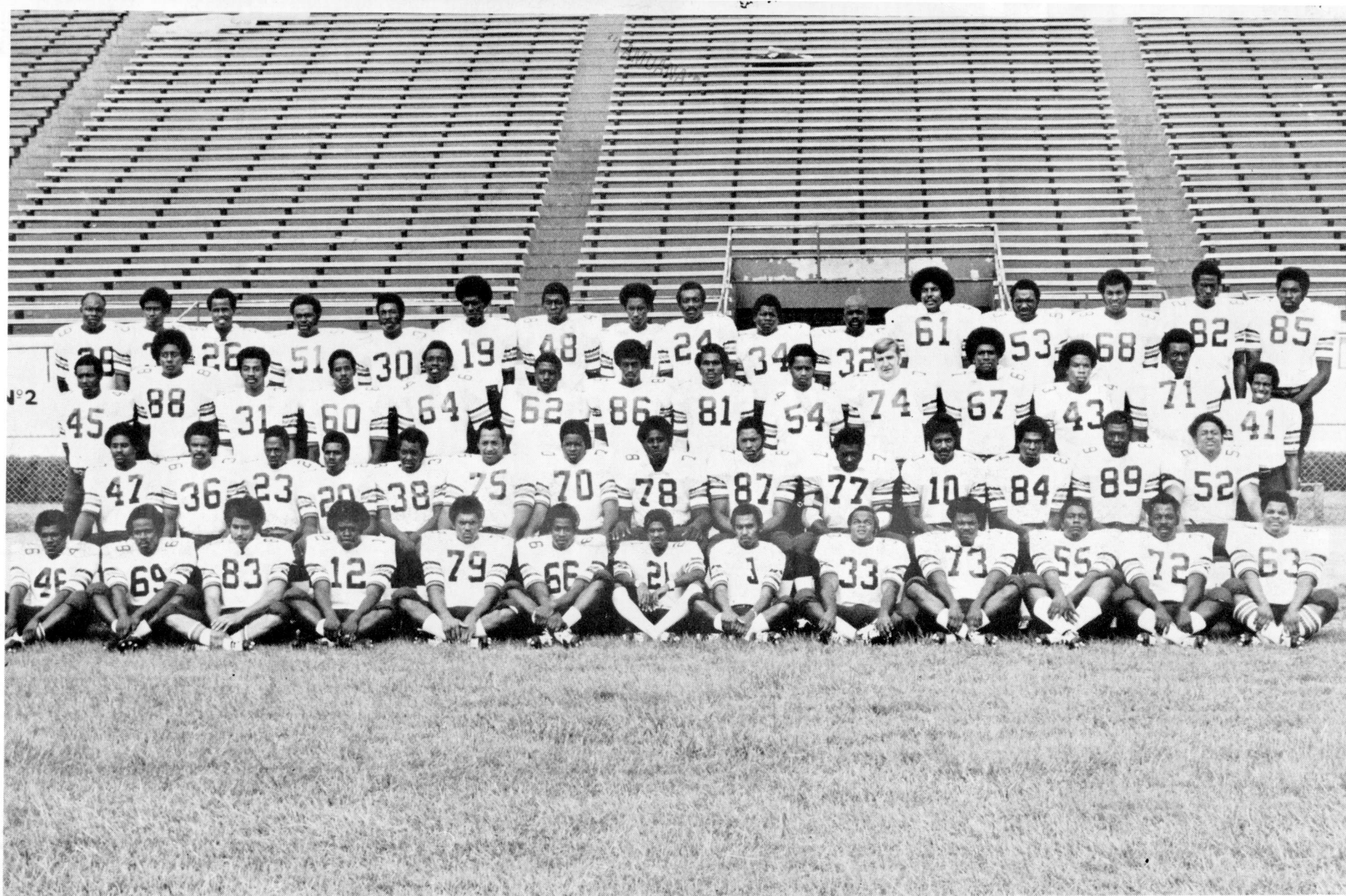
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