

## Griggs learns 'There's no place like home'

*by Denise Reed & Greg Lucas*

Coaching in the "big time" wasn't all it was cracked up to be for Cardinal Football Defensive Coordinator Dan Griggs. Griggs, a former Princeton University football coach, returned to William Jewell College for the second time in his career.

A 1973 Jewell graduate with a degree in physical education, Griggs was a three-year letterman in football.

He began as an assistant coach at Liberty High School. While there the Bluejays were 26-10-1, won the conference title, finished second twice and participated in the Missouri 4-A State Playoffs. Before coming to Jewell for the first time, he was head coach for two seasons at Oak Grove High School at Oak Grove, Mo., where he brought the Panthers their first winning season in eight years. Following his two-year coaching stint at Jewell, Griggs split his coaching duties between Southern Colorado in the fall and Princeton in the spring.

During his season at Southern Colorado as defensive coordinator, the team was 9-1 and placed fifth in the nation.

In January 1983, Griggs accepted an offer from Princeton University. "It was an offer I couldn't refuse," said Griggs. "It was a chance to coach in the 'big time.'"

Aiding his decision to return to Jewell was Gary Phelps, dean of student affairs. "I like the way he handles his job," stated Griggs.

Family matters also prompted the move. "My wife is great," added Griggs. "She'd go anywhere. When I told her of the job offer to return to Jewell she was quite pleased."

Formerly an admissions and coordinator of the evening division, Griggs is now responsible for men's housing and other developmental programs for men students.

"I'm a specialist at nothing, but a generalist in everything," commented Griggs. "There isn't a facet of college life that doesn't interest me. That's what makes my job so exciting."

When asked about the possible pressures his job could have, Griggs commented, "I think pressure is a preconceived conception. The training I've had as an athlete and coach helps me to handle pressure and understand people."

Griggs has two beliefs about the college's paycheck. "You can either say 'I earned it' or 'the college gave it to me.' I prefer to earn mine. I like to be totally involved."

He and his wife, Karen, and their two children reside in Liberty.



*Photo by Ken Bodenhamer*

*Following a one-year leave which took him to Southern Colorado University and Princeton, Dan Griggs has returned to William Jewell College as associate dean of students.*

**Kansas Wesleyan 0**  
Baldwin City, Kan.—The Baker Wildcats rolled up 331 yards in total offense while holding Kansas Wesleyan to only 57 yards and shut out the Coyotes 19-0. The Wildcat offense was led by sophomore tailback Craig Williams who gained 85 yards on 18

Both extra-point conversion at Vid Johnson in the third quarter. Keith Dougherty scored a 25-yard field goal. Pioneer.

The Cardinals then held off the passing threat of Williams and the runs of halfback Jeff Holland for the final 5:48. Jewell, a finalist in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs last year, has beaten two NAIA Division I schools in successive weeks. The Cardinals opened

lance said, "On the sidelines we said we would use it if we scored—no, when we scored. We took a power off-tackle play to Gillespie, then the quarterback