Hawks For Football Documentary Fund- Against the Odds (04-20042)

Hawks For Football Documentary Fund is the primary vehicle created by the alumni to fund the production of a documentary the legacy of UMES Football. First and Foremost, we believe we have a very important story to tell about how a small, mal-treated, and underfunded institution was able develop a national reputation in the most competitive arenas in America, college football. Second, this documentary will serve as one of several critical promotional tools we need to galvanize the financial support necessary to reinstatement an intercollegiate football program worthy to be considered part of the Hawk Legacy.

"Against the Odds is a fifty-minute public television documentary that extols the enormous success of the Maryland State football team. Small, and against incredible odds, Maryland State consistently made history through the talents of its players, coaches, and administration. Also inherent in the Maryland State success was an attitude that they would just not be beat. Against the Odds is a documentary that will transport viewers to another time and another place, and leave them with the conclusion that when all is said and done, it’s the size of the heart that really matters.

Maryland State (now University of Maryland Eastern Shore) football was a bellwether against which other schools measured themselves. Small and underfunded, the Maryland State football team nevertheless engaged, and triumphed, in a number of historic “firsts,” until the program was disbanded. Hawks For Football proposes to tell the story of the Maryland State football in a thirty minute documentary for public television distribution domestically and potentially for international television documentary distribution worldwide.

We will capture the story by interviewing the players, coaches, families and opponents of the Maryland State teams, as well as sportswriters who can place the story in a larger context. Historians and/or academics will also be interviewed to provide historical context for the life and the times of Maryland State’s triumphs.

Against the Odds will tell the story of talented people who did extraordinary things when circumstances demanded it. One of the great unknowns in each person’s life is how he will react when faced with a difficult situation. The Maryland State teams were placed in that position, and they consistently proved themselves worthy. Against the Odds will provide viewers with a benchmark that they can measure themselves against. Against the Odds won’t just relive the glory days. It will help pave the way for new Glory Days. In a world of moral ambiguity and uncertainty, Against the Odds provides a compass for viewers of all ages, of all races, and of all religions.” The unique account for this fund is 04-20042