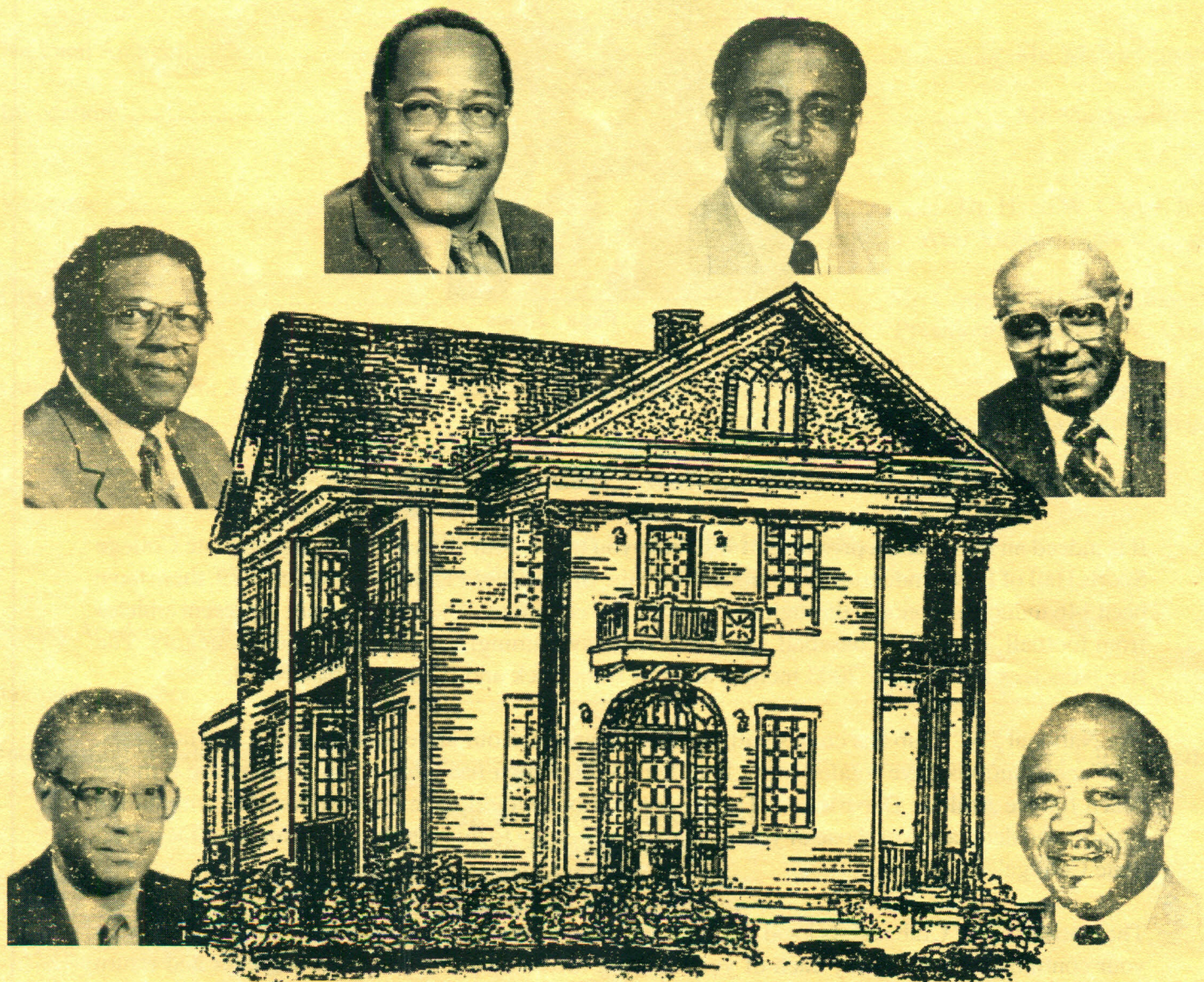


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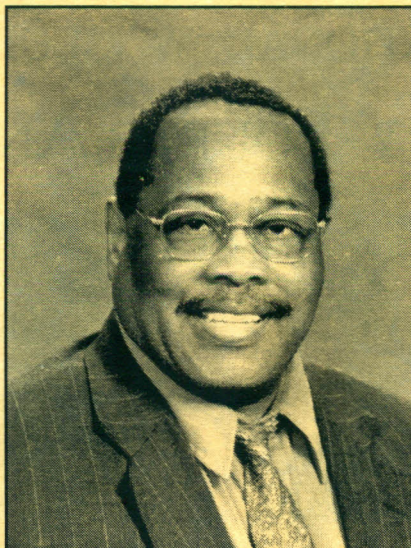
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
NATIONAL "W" CLUB
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL



SPORTS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY

HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2003
8:30 A.M.

GOLDSTON CAFETERIA
SULLIVAN COMPLEX



Cornelious "Papa" Jones

Greetings

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to welcome you to the 24th annual West Virginia State College Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Since the first Hall of Fame induction in 1979, there have been 146 inductees honored through this most sacred ceremony. These individuals represent athletes from football, basketball, baseball, track and field, swimming, coaches and special category. The five inductees for the year 2003 include athletes from track and field,, and basketball.

The National "W" Club has consistently worked to enhance our athletic programs. Over the years, your contributions have totaled more than \$400,000, which has allowed us to purchase a motor coach for the Athletic Department. These contributions would have been impossible without the support and dedication of those of you who love and belong to this family we all know as 'Dear Ole' State College'.

The National "W" Club and its local affiliates extend to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for your continued support. May each of you have the most enjoyable Homecoming ever and return safely to your destinations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Jones".

Cornelious "Papa" Jones,
President

NATIONAL "W" CLUB HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Attorney Jeff Woods
Master of Ceremonies

PROGRAM

National Anthem Ms. Malva Carey*

Invocation Mr. Vandy Miller*

*****BREAKFAST*****

Welcome Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr.*
Ninth President, West Virginia State College

Greetings Mr. Cornelious "Papa" Jones*
President, National "W" Club

Outstanding Student Athletic Awards Mr. Robert Parker
Athletic Director, West Virginia State College

Freshman:	Kristin Paige Call	Chris Lee Dunn
Sophomore:	Melondie Shorter	
Junior:	LaRhonda Garrett	Joseph Michael Mayer
Senior:	Jessica Brown	Ronald Donaldson

Rotary Academic Achievement Awards

Jayne Lee Barber Chris Wade

Introduction of Inductees Attorney Jeff Woods

Mr. Richard A. Beckner, Sr.
Mr. Dwayne Freeman
LTC (Ret) Thomas L. Jones
Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr.
Mr. William W. Lipscomb

Local "W" Club Special Recognition Award Ms. Nellie Walker*
Presenter

Contributions Mr. Vandy Miller*

Memorial Prayer Mr. William Lipscomb*

Ceremony Continues at the Canty House

Induction Ceremony Dr. Frank E. Enty*

Alma Mater Ms. Malva Carey*

*Denotes Hall of Famers

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE NATIONAL "W" CLUB

On a fall West Virginia Sunday morning in 1975, the day after West Virginia State's Homecoming, a group of West Virginia State College alumni met in a Charleston hotel. The agenda was to brainstorm as to how to raise funds for athletics as well as restore athletics to the status of previous years. The open discussion was chaired by Attorney William Lonesome, an alumnus of the school and a very distinguished leader.

After several hours of discussion, it was decided that a National "W" club would be formed to raise funds for athletic programs.

A year later, in 1976, a meeting was held the night before the Homecoming game to formally establish a new National "W" Club.

The first officers of the National "W" Club elected at the 1976 meeting were: Dr. Frank E. Enty, president; Rupert G. Curry, vice president; Herbert B. Thompson, treasurer; and Herbert H. Henderson, attorney/secretary.

Attorney Herbert Henderson was assigned the responsibility of acquiring corporate status for the organization. The hard, long, pro-bono legal work of Mr. Henderson gained corporate status for the National "W" Club in 1978. The incorporators were Dr. Frank E. Enty, Rupert Curry, Herbert B. Thompson, William L. Lonesome, and Herbert Henderson.

Washington, DC was selected as the home base for the National "W" Club. The "W" Club has two chapters: the Institute Chapter and the Shennandoah Chapter, which is located in Martinsburg, WV. Both chapters are instrumental in the success of the National "W" Club. Herbert Thompson wrote the first by-laws for the National "W" Club.

In 1979, at a "W" Club Homecoming meeting, Mr. Glover Smiley proposed the establishing of an Athletic Hall of Fame. It was voted on and passed by the membership. The first Hall of Famers were inducted in 1980. They were: Chester A. Burris; Mark H. Cardwell; Samuel A. Gamble; Vasco D Hale; Adolph P. Hamblin; Louis R. W. Johnson; Earl Lloyd; Floyd Meadows; Roderick L. Price; and Marvin H. Richardson.

Former presidents of the National "W" Club are Dr. Frank Enty, Rupert Curry, Vandy Miller and Madison Broadnax. In 1990, Henry R. Bellinger was elected to the presidency. The current president is Cornelious "Papa" Jones.

On October 13, 1990, the WVSC Sports Hall of Fame, dedicated to Coach Mark H. Cardwell, was opened. This facility, located in the Canty House on the campus of West Virginia State College, showcases academic and athletic triumphs of West Virginia State College athletes.



RICHARD ALLEN BECKNER, SR. CLASS OF 1972

Born July 6, 1950, Richard Allen Beckner Sr., a son of Belva Marie (King) Beckner and the late Andrew Berthel Beckner, graduated from Poca High School in 1968. That year, Richard won the West Virginia state title in the pole vault, breaking the WVSSAC record in the process. Richard enrolled at West Virginia State College in the fall of '68, joining the track and field team and beginning a string of four-straight WVIAC pole vault titles. He set the WVIAC mark in his freshman season of 1969 and broke his own record the following two years.

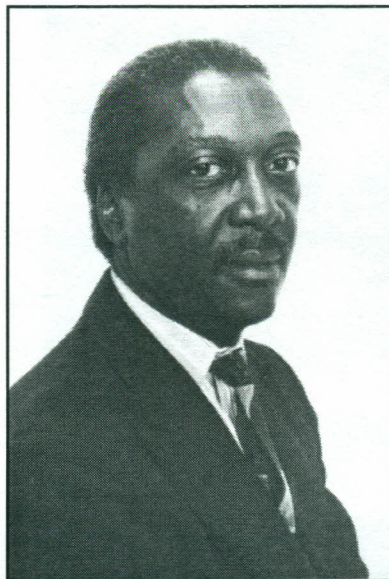
Perhaps most impressively, Richard never lost a WVIAC pole vault competition, an unbeaten mark that spanned four years. In addition, his conference record set in 1971 stood until the early 1990's. His WVSC mark has never been topped. Along with four other members of the 1971 Yellow Jacket track team, Richard qualified for the NAIA National Track and Field Championships in Billings, Montana. At the meet, he was a national title finalist. From 1969-72, Richard was a member of four straight WVIAC track titles for the Yellow Jackets. Of all his personal accomplishments, it is of the team awards Richard says he's most proud.

When his sons began pole vault competition in the early 1990's, Richard returned to competition on the Master's circuit and set regional records in the pole vault and won the gold medal at the Mountain State Games in Huntington, WV in 1992.

Richard holds membership on the WVSC Track Committee; is a Sunday School teacher at Bancroft Church of God Mission; volunteer and counselor at church youth camps in addition to assisting in the construction of the Upward Way Church Camp; official at junior and senior high track meets in WV; and acted as pole vault coach to athletes at Poca High School.

Richard has been married to Angela Lynn (Gibson) Beckner since 1972 and is the father of Richard Allen Beckner, Jr., and Andrew Joseph Beckner. Richard and Angie currently have one grandchild, Jaymeson Beckner, and anxiously wait for more. Richard's love and devotion for his family is exceeded only by his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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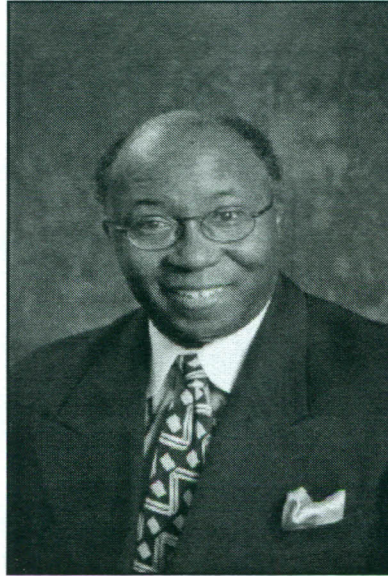


DWAYNE FREEMAN CLASS OF 1970

Dwayne "Scooter" Freeman is the youngest of two sons born to Alfred and Viola Freeman in Williamsburg, Virginia. Dwayne was a super three sports person at Bruton Heights High School in Williamsburg, Virginia, and was All Conference and All District for two years in football and basketball.

After graduating from Burton Heights High School in 1966, he came to West Virginia State College, where he excelled in basketball. While at State, Scooter held several honors. He led his team in Take Aways two times; was Defensive Player of the Week two times. Other honors included: leading freshman scorer with a 15 point average per game; selected to the WVIAC in 1967 and 1968; leading freshman rebounder with six rebounds per game; chosen to All Tournament teams eight times; and third leading percentage shooter in the nation in small colleges. In 1968, he was one of the team's leading scorers, and the Yellow Jackets led the nation in scoring. Scooter also earned three varsity letters in basketball and was selected to the All Tournament team during his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Scooter resides in Portsmouth, Virginia. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the coach of the Midnite Men's Basketball team, which went to the national championship in 1998, 1999, and 2001. He is employed as Director of Physical Education and Health at the Southside Boys and Girls Club in Norfolk, Virginia. He has a daughter, Diane Freeman, who resides in Flint, Michigan.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET.) THOMAS LEE JONES CLASS OF 1974

Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col., Retired) Thomas Lee Jones is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Pemberton Township High School (NJ) in 1970. He enrolled at West Virginia State College, where he majored in Political Science. In 2002, he received a Masters of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.

While at WVSC, he was a member of the Senior Reserved Officers' Training Corp and participated on the college's track teams. His events included the two-mile relay, one-mile relay, 440 yard relay, spring medley relay, and 440 yard dash. He also ran the 880 yard dash in under one minute and fifty-five seconds and the 440 yard dash in under forty-nine seconds, both of which were outstanding times during his era. As a sophomore, he served as the team's co-captain and also was a member of the All Conference track team in 1973-74. He was Senior Class President in 1974.

In 1974, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree, Lt. Col. Jones was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, United States Army, from State. He faithfully devoted over 20 years of service, which included 4 tours to Korea. During his military service, Lt. Col. Jones received numerous medals and awards, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Lt. Col. Jones has been involved in various community, civic, and religious activities and has been recognized for his contributions. Other honors include: 2002 Inductee into the Pemberton Township School District Hall of Fame; Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2002); and 2002 Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) recipient.

Lt. Col. Jones and his wife, Constance, are the proud parents of two. Alexis is a third year student at Case Western Reserve University and Marcel, is a second year student at Columbus State University.

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RONNIE J. LEGETTE, SR.
CLASS OF 1987

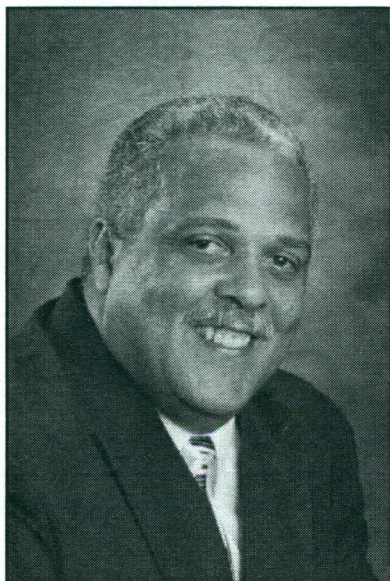
Ron Legette was an outstanding athlete and a star basketball player for the Yellow Jackets. In 1987, he was named "Most Valuable Player" by the WVIAC, and he was a member of the All Conference Team. During his first year on the team, he was named "Player of the Week" for three weeks, and in his senior year, he served as the team's co-captain. One of his most memorable games was when WVSC played Bluefield State; Ron scored 50 points and had 15 assists.

Ron currently is employed by University Hospital in New York, where he serves as the Assistant Director of Environmental Services. Additionally, he often works as a business and government consultant. His hobbies are sports and landscaping. In his spare time, he is a volunteer basketball coach for Donnie Fielder Memorial Basketball Tournament, and he is the co-founder of the Syracuse Grass Root Movement Organization. Ron is also active in his church and is the chair of the Trustee Board at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

Prior to assuming his current position, Ron was employed with the Syracuse Parks and Recreation Department; was a real estate agent selling low to moderate income housing; was Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Public Works in NY; and for five years operated his own business, Legette's Cleaning Company.

Ron holds the B.S. Degree in Business Administration from West Virginia State College. He resides in Syracuse, New York with his wife of 16 years, Pamela, and their four children —Candace, Chaz, Ronnie, and Lamar.

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WILLIAM W. "BILLY" LIPSCOMB CLASS OF 1975

The fourth son born to the late W. T. and Marion Lipscomb in Institute, WV, Billy, affectionately called "#4" by his mother, is a life-long resident of Institute. His father was employed at the Union Carbide Institute Plant, and his mother was employed at West Virginia State College. Both parents were instrumental in supporting their children educationally and athletically. When Billy was in high school, the sports writers dubbed the Lipscomb family as "A Track Family Supreme" because of the accomplishments of the older brothers and sister. They had won championships and were school, conference, state, national, and world record holders in track.

Billy was recruited to State by A. L. "Buck" Dawson, and was awarded Coach Dawson's first track scholarship. Coach Dawson selected him to be captain of the track team during his freshman year and stated "he became the catalyst for my recruiting track athletes to form the team that would allow us to dominate the WVIAC for several years. Much of the credit for State's rise in track must be given to Billy." While at State, Billy was a member of four WVIAC team championships; won four WVIAC individual championships; selected four times All Conference in the WVIAC; and set three WVIAC conference records. Billy was chosen "Trackman of the Year," his highest honor, by the conference coaches. He is proud to say that he was the first recipient of that award. Billy qualified twice for the NAIA championships, and for two years in a row, the Mile Relay team was the fastest in the state of West Virginia (being four tenths of a second off the stadium record at Ohio State Relays). Billy was selected Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities for Track and Field.

Billy is very involved in his community. He is a mentor in Kanawha Valley schools; Kanawha Valley Men of Integrity steering committee; Deacon at Harvest Fire Church and Tabernacle of Praise Fellowship of Churches; and was a deejay for WEYS Radio, founded by his brother, Robert. Billy remains active with his alma mater. He is a member of the W-Club and helped establish the W-Club Track Committee and the A. L. Dawson/Glover Smiley Track Fund. He is fulfilling a life long dream at WVSC helping to coach track.

Billy married his high school sweetheart, Debra Chandler, and they are the proud parents of William, father of Julius and Jeremiah; and Krista, mother of one on the way, the first granddaughter, Ameris. Both of his children and their spouses are WVSC alumni. He is the **fourth** son, the **fourth** sports inductee in the family, on the **fourth** day of October. Billy takes much pride in being able to join his brothers and sister in the WVSC Sports Hall of Fame. Can't you see his mother smiling for #4?

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INDUCTEE	CLASS	INDUCTED
Aheart, Lamont M.	1970	1997
Archie, William B.	1954	1990
Bacote, Samuel W.	1959	1997
Bailey, Calvin L. (Coach)	1972	1985
Bailey, James A. (Dec.)	1950	1982
Bailey, Laurence	1963	1996
Bates, John M. (Dec.)	1937	1982
Bates, Pervis M.	1939	1981
Baugh, Warren T.	1950	1988
Bellinger, Henry R.	1960	1985
Belmear, Horace E.	1940	1997
Beverly, Eleanor	1960	2000
Boone, James L. (Dec.)	1955	1989
Bowles, Joseph (Dec.)	1942	1988
Broadnax, Madison	1940	1989
Brown, Dallas C. Sr. (Dec.)	1923	1996
Brown, Dandridge D. (Dec.)	1923	1989
Burghart, William F. (Coach) (Dec.)	1936	1981
Burney, Willilam L.	1950	1991
Burris, Chester A. (Coach)(Dec.)	1948	1980
Burroughs, Knute W.	1937	1982
Busch, Elaine S.	1953	1996
Byrd, Charles R.		1999
Cannaday, Irvin Jr. (Coach)	1950	1995
Cardwell, Mark H. (Coach) (Dec.)	1925	1980
Carey, Malva J.	1975	1985
Carr, Charles D.	1983	2000
Carter, Hazo W. Jr. (Honorary)		1995
Casey, Wayne E., Jr.	1989	2000
Casey, Wayne E., Sr.		
Casto, Steven B.	1981	1993
Chilton, Samuel B., Jr.	1987	1999
Christian, Horace B. (Dec.)	1959	1988
Clark, Barbara L. (Dec.)		2000
Clark, Benjamin F.	1933	1983
Clark, Clarence (Dec.)	1950	1982
Clark, Russell	1987	1999
Corbin, E. Adelbert	1940	1984
Crawford, Everett G. (Dec.)	1927	1990
Cunningham, Marion L.	1974	2002
Curry, Rupert G.	1953	1987
Davis, Frank Maxie (Dec.)	1948	1988
Davis, Robert A. (Dec.)	1948	1986
Dawson, A. L.		2001
Dawson, Joe	1972	2001
Diggs, Robert P.	1931	1987
Dillahunt, Elaine	1967	2001
Dillard, Clyde (Dec.)	1950	1987
Edwards, Ernest E.	1932	1989
Ellis, Charles	1969	1998
Ellis, Oliver (Dec.)	1951	1984
Enty, Frank E.	1950	1992
Estep, Perry J.	1980	1998
Farmer, Samuel J. (Dec.)	1930	1990
Ferguson, Daniel L. Jr., (Dec.)	1947	1994
Fish, Louis F.	1966	2002

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Froe, Dreyfus W.	1929	1984
Gallion, Michael L.	1964	1991
Gamble, Samuel A.	1947	1980
Gaskin, James C.	1939	1988
Gilliam, Joseph W.	1952	1987
Gilmore, Johnny D.		1996
Gist, John H.	1950	2002
Gough, Joseph "Pepe" (Dec.)	1925	1995
Gray, Grant S. Coach (Dec.)		1993
Greene, Linwood, Sr.		1997
Greene, Oliver (Dec.)	1931	1982
Griffin, James S.	1993	
Hale, Vasco D.	1940	1980
Hamblin, Adolph P. (Coach) (Dec.)	1980	
Hamilton, Alan L.	1969	1999
Hamilton, Dave	1969	1994
Harris, Frank (Dec.)	1950	2002
Harvey, Harold N. (Dec.)	1936	1982
Hawkins, Charles C. (Dec.)		2002
Hawkins, Robert (Dec.)	1954	1990
Henderson, Herbert H.	1953	1983
Holden, Alyce R.	1938	1996
Horn, John W. (Dec.)	1943	1990
Housen, Jack H. (Dec.)	1948	1987
Hunter, Ben A.	1969	2002
Israel, Isaiah	1938	1985
Jackson, William S. (Dec.)	1937	1981
Jefferson, Frederick D.	1946	1991
Jenkins, Drewie G.	1938	1992
Johnson, Ernest E. (Dec.)	1934	1993
Johnson, Louis R. W. (Dec.)	1940	1980
Jones, Cornelious "Papa"	1968	1993
Jones, Hubert L. (Dec.)	1939	1987
Justice, Franklin P., Jr.	1967	1992
Kent, Ernest (Dec.)	1954	1999
LeFever, William R.	1964	1995
Lipscomb, Warren	1963	1998
Lloyd, Earl	1950	1980
Lynch, Wesley J.	1943	1990
Majette, Milton L. (Dec.)	1948	1993
McGlothlin, Frederick G.	1966	2001
McLeod, Ronald M.	1960	1993
Meadows, Ferguson B., Jr. (Dec.)	1967	2001
Meadows, Floyd (Dec.)	1937	1980
Middleton, Fred D.	1947	1983
Miller, Vandy L.	1954	1986
Miller, Morena G.	1955	1989
Miller, Samuel	1951	1991
Mills, Marvin D. (Coach)	1947	1994
Moore, William George (Dec.)	1924	1983
Moore, Paul J. (Coach) (Dec.)		1990
Moore, Oscar A. (Dec.)	1934	1981
Moore, Ron	1987	2000
Morris, James G.	1954	1985
Nixon, James	1955	2000
Nunn, William "Bill"	1948	1990

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Palmer, Daniel B. (Dec.)	1931	1992
Perry, Taylor	1969	1999
Peters, Joseph C.	1948	1987
Preston, James D.	1939	1990
Price, Denny	1971	1994
Price, Roderick L. (Dec.)	1937	1980
Randall, Edgar	1979	1998
Reed, Vincent E.	1952	1983
Richardson, Marvin H. (Dec.)	1937	1980
Robinson, William J.	1937	1981
Rockhold, Clayton D.		1993
Ross, Ellis L.	1933	1993
Sales, John C.	1950	1995
Saulsbury, Bob	1952	2001
Saunders, Emmett B., Jr.	1943	1991
Saunders, Harry (Dec.)	1929	1984
Savage, Bernard S. (Dec.)	1972	2001
Scott, Edward, Sr.	1952	1998
Scott, James L. (Dec.)	1934	1983
Shannon, Oliver T. (Dec.)	1971	1994
Smiley, Glover L. Jr.	1977	1992
Smith, Robert L. (Dec.)	1947	1987
Smith, Wendell (Dec.)	1937	1994
Smith, Willie G.	1949	2001
Smith, Willie B.	1954	1986
Spencer, Betty C.	1967	1996
Starling, Edward M. (Dec.)	1951	1986
Starling, Carl (Dec.)	1946	1990
Stewart, Charles E.	1950	2001
Stewart, Colston R. Jr. (Dec.)	1934	1983
Swanson, John E. (Dec.)	1944	1988
Taylor, Robert Paul	1951	1989
Thomas, Paul W.	1950	1986
Thompson, Carroll U. (Dec.)	1935	1984
Tribble, James	1982	1998
Turpeau, Rossman, Jr.	1960	1998
VanHargis, Clifford (Dec.)	1938	1993
Walker, Nellie E.	1975	1999
Wares, James T. (Dec.)	1933	1984
Washington, Othello	1983	1998
Watson, Joseph G., Sr.	1965	2002
Watson, Norman E. (Dec.)	1939	1986
Whitted, Palmer D. Sr. (Dec.)	1931	1985
Wickliffe, Edward V.	1950	1981
Wilkerson, James A. (Dec.)	1928	1992
Williams, Alfred L.	1968	1999
Williams, Jerry B. (Dec.)	1951	1989
Wilson, James C. (Coach) (Dec.)	1946	1989
Wilson, Robert	1950	1983

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Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

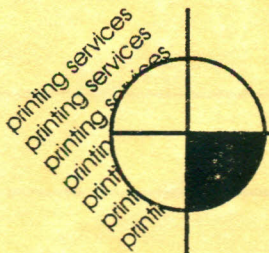
There is a place we love so dear—
Its name we'll ever praise and revere
'Tis West Virginia State we love—
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

REFRAIN:

West Virginia's praise we'll sing—
Lift our voices 'til heavens ring—
As we gaily march along—
We'll sing a song—
For Alma Mater
How we love her
Pride of all our loyal hearts—
From her we will never part—
Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few
Alma Mater we love you.

We'll love her more as days go by,
And send her praises to the sky;
To place her over all the rest,
And keep her e'er the dearest and the best.

Shadowed 'neath a deep blue sky;
Is STATE for whom we'll live and we'll die—
Arise! O men of God and sing;
We're loyal, and to her we'll always cling.



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