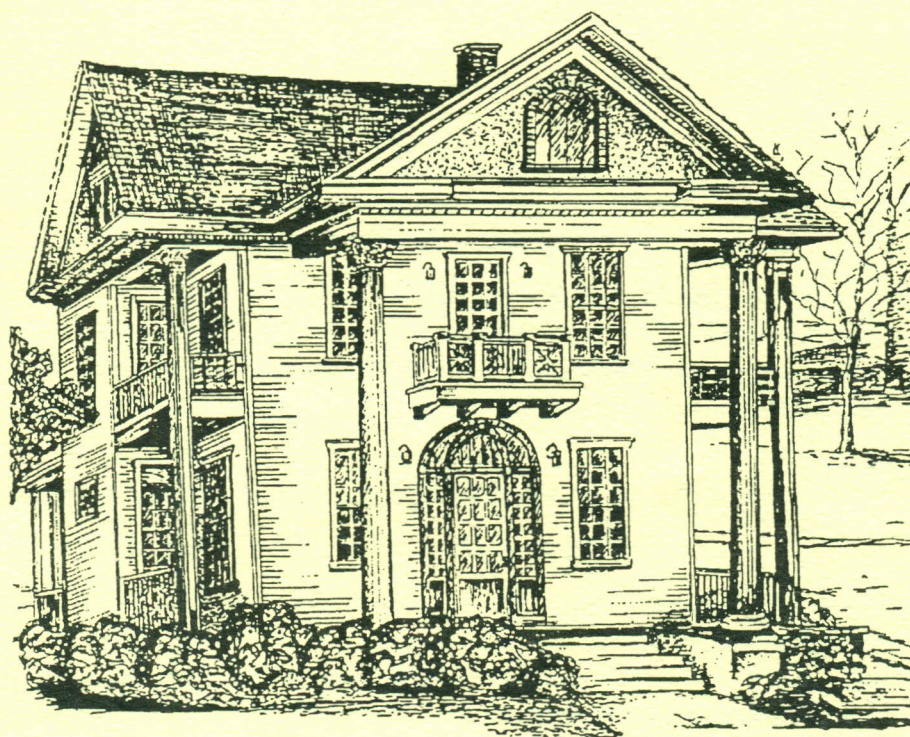


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WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
NATIONAL "W" CLUB

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY



Canty House

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1993
8:30 A.M.

GOLDSTON DINING ROOM WILSON STUDENT UNION

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, West Virginia 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 community 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.

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.

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.

Greetings

from the National "W" Club President:



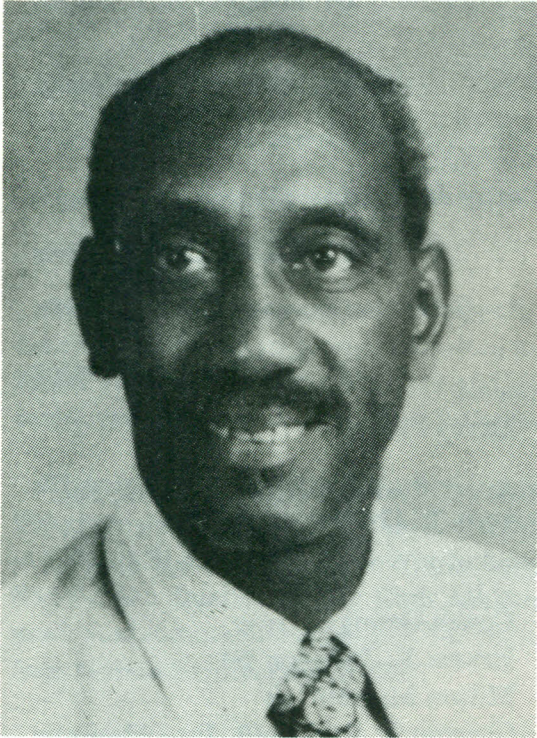
The West Virginia State College National "W" Club Association welcomes you to the 14th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This class represents the most extensive spread of years, from 1933 to 1981, in the history of the Hall of Fame. Also, this year we have 10 inductees, seven living and three posthumously, which is the largest group to be inducted at one time. This group represents a cross section of leadership in all aspects of athletics and citizenship.

As our distinguished guests, your participation in this ceremony and your support to our scholarship program, which exceeds \$121,000 contributed to WVSC, makes the work of the National "W" Club rewarding and worthwhile. Please continue to help us.

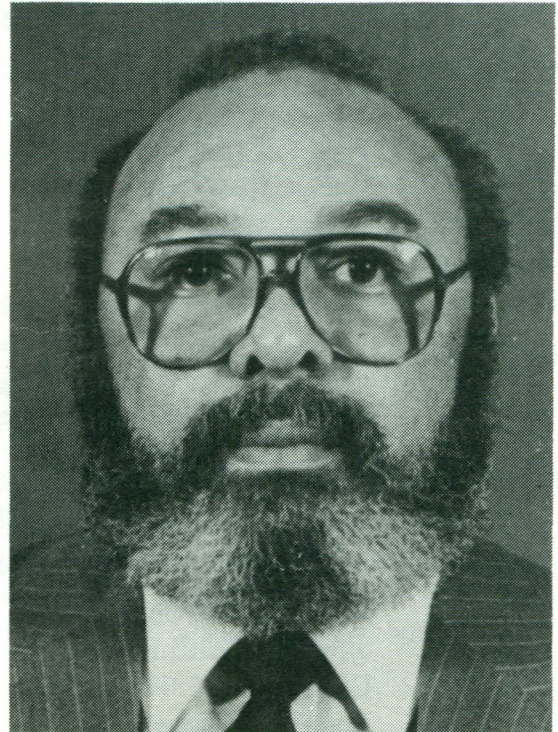
Sincerely,

Henry R. Bellinger

In Remembrance



CHESTER A. BURRIS '48
1980 Hall of Fame Inductee



ROBERT E. HAWKINS '54
1990 Hall of Fame Inductee

STEVEN BRYCE CASTO

CLASS OF 1981



Steven Bryce Casto was born October 8, 1959 to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casto of Ripley, WV. He received his elementary and secondary education in the Jackson County (WV) School System. While attending Ripley High School he participated and lettered in baseball, basketball, and football for 3 years. His senior year he was named to the All-Conference team in both football and baseball.

The ultimate student/athlete, Bryce played football for four years while maintaining a 3.78 cumulative grade point average. He was named All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) in 1978, 1979, and 1980; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Kappa Alpha Mu Honorary Society; the Dunbar Rotary Club Athletic/Academic Award winner in 1979, 1980, and 1981, and graduated summa cum laude in 1981. He received a master's in physical education and sports medicine from Marshall University in 1987.

He began his career as a physical education teacher at Cottageville Elementary School and assistant football and baseball coach and trainer at Ravenswood High School. In July 1984, he returned to WVSC as sports information director and assistant football coach. He was named WVIAC Basketball Sports Information Director of the Year during the 1985-86 and 1986-87 school years.

Bryce currently is teaching health education, driver education, and sports medicine at South Charleston (WV) High School and all sports medicine courses, as a part-time instructor, at WVSC. He also serves as head football coach at South Charleston High School. His 1990, 1991, and 1992 football teams have qualified for the WVSSAC state playoffs due to their outstanding records. The 1993 team appears to be following suit with a 4-1 record as of October 7th.

He is married to the former Cathy Jividen and they live in Dunbar.

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GRANT S. GRAY

COACH

Grant Sylvester Gray was born November 3, 1919 to George and Margaret Gray in Donora, PA. He attended Donora High School where he played basketball, football, and baseball with the renowned Stan Musial. He graduated in 1938, an honor student and a standout in baseball and basketball.

Coach Gray attended Kentucky State College for one year and then entered the Navy where he coached an all-conference team. After his military service, he returned to Kentucky State graduating in 1946. He received a masters degree in health and physical education from Ohio State University and pursued post-graduate work at Indiana University.

His scholastic coaching career began in 1953, at Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Texas, coaching baseball and football. In 1954 he came to West Virginia as a teacher and coach at State High School, and had a championship basketball team in 1954-55. His tenure at State High ended when he accepted the position of assistant football/basketball coach at WVSC, in 1956, under Coach Mark Cardwell. In 1956, he assumed the head baseball coaching position. His baseball teams won championships in 1957-58; 1958-59; and 1959-60. In 1967-68 he became head basketball coach and won the WVIAC championship with a team record, which still stands, of 21-6. Among the members of his teams were WVSC Hall of Famers Frank Justice, Calvin Bailey, and Michael Gallion, and Philadelphia 76er, Dave Hamilton.

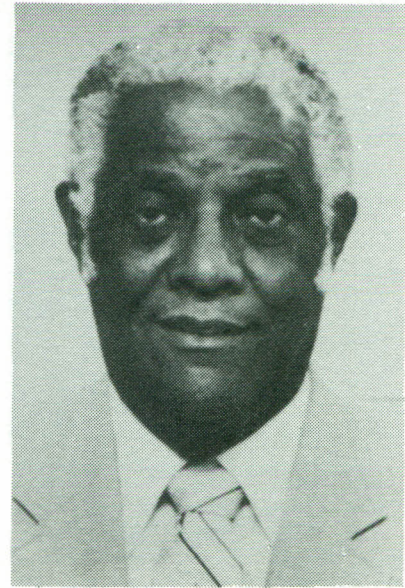
Coach Gray taught and coached at West Virginia State College for 21 years. Of the 21 years, 14 of them were also spent operating a grant-funded recreational program for youth where he conducted baseball and basketball camps, and scouting football for the College. Due to illness, he had to resign from coaching but remained an outstanding assistant professor in the department of health, physical education, recreation and safety until retirement in 1975.

He is survived by wife, Gloria W. Gray, a social worker in the Kanawha County school system; son, Grant S. Gray, II, Clerk-Port of Houston, TX; daughters, Adrian G. Mills, an accountant with Burlington Northern Railroads in Atlanta, GA, and Benita Gray, radio personality at KBXX in Houston, TX; daughter-in-law, Gail Gray, Human Resource Management of Houston, TX; and one grandson, Grant S. Gray, III.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

JAMES S. GRIFFIN

ALUMNUS (1936-38)



Dr. James S. Griffin was born July 6, 1917 in St. Paul, MN. He attended McKinley and Cathedral elementary schools, Marshall Junior High, and graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1936.

Following graduation, he enrolled in West Virginia State College where he was a member of the WVSC National Championship football team in 1936 and played on the college's undefeated softball team in 1938. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Metropolitan State University at the age of 55. In 1988, he was the recipient of a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN.

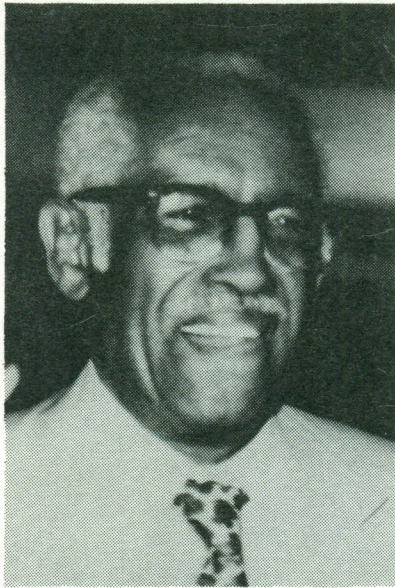
In 1941, he joined the St. Paul, MN Police Department as a patrolman. He served the department as a sergeant, captain, station commander, human relations specialist, and as deputy chief until his retirement in 1983. He was also a sports columnist for the St. Paul Recorder and is a WWII Navy veteran.

Dr. Griffin began officiating high school and small college basketball and football games in 1943. At that time there were only two Black officials in the field and 98% of the games he officiated included no Black players. He officiated for more than 25 years and became one of the top officials in the area covering Minnesota, northern Michigan, North Dakota and Wisconsin. He was the commissioner of basketball officials in the Northern Intercollegiate Conference for 14 years. Griffin was voted into both the Hall of Fame of the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association and the Minnesota State High School League, and has been nominated by the latter group to the National High School League Hall of Fame. In 1988, the 8000 seat football stadium at St. Paul Central High School was renamed in his honor.

He served on the St. Paul Board of Education for 17 years. He was chosen in city-wide elections in a city of 300,000 with only 5% Black population, by receiving more votes than any other school board candidate. He is a life member of the N.A.A.C.P.; Hallie Q. Brown Community Center; Rondo, Inc; International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He is, also, the author of a historical book, Blacks in the St. Paul Police and Fire Departments, 1885-1976.

Dr. Griffin is married to the former Edna Smoot, class of 1938, and they are the parents of three daughters: Vianne, a graduate of the University of Minnesota; Linda, a graduate of Michigan State; and Helen, a graduate of WVSC and Miss West Virginia State 1968. On the occasion of the untimely death of Vianne, Dr. and Mrs. Griffin and friends, set up a memorial scholarship in her name to be awarded to outstanding Black graduates from St. Paul Central High School.

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ERNEST E. JOHNSON

CLASS OF 1934

Ernest Emmett Johnson and his twin sister, Ernestine, were born January 26, 1908 to Clara and Lawrence Johnson in Portsmouth, OH. He attended elementary and secondary schools in Portsmouth, OH and Washington, DC. Upon completing high school he enrolled in West Virginia State College and received his bachelor of science in physical education degree in 1934.

During his football years, he was known as "Speed" Johnson on his college team and the Washington Lions Professional Negro team, of which he was the head coach from 1944 to 1946.

Ernest was drafted to serve in the US Army in 1942. He was assigned to develop and maintain a program of physical training for 400 servicemen at Cochran Field, GA.

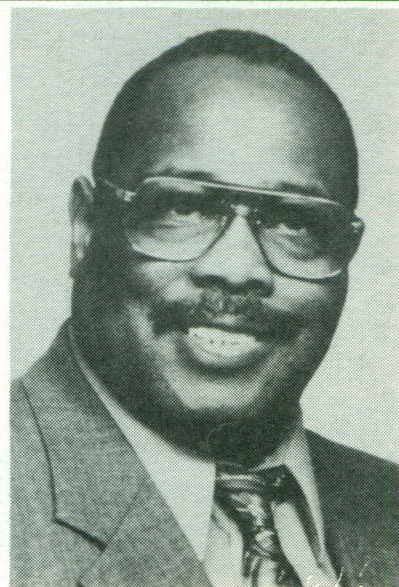
His first career job was as a high school physical education teacher at West Virginia State High School in 1934. This was followed by employment in physical education and recreation in Washington, DC and Arlington, VA. He retired in 1973 as supervisor of an integrated Arlington County Recreation Department. After retirement he continued to work with the senior citizen program of the county.

Ernest was a 60 year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and Beta Nu Boule. In 1957, the Virginia Recreation Society recognized his dedication to his community and all-consuming devotion to his fellow man. This recognition was followed by distinguished and endless community service awards in 1977, 82, 83, 87, and 89. His special relationship with children was unique and legendary. All of this acknowledgment was highlighted with Arlington County's proclamation of May 8, 1982 as "Ernest Johnson Day."

He is survived by his wife, Mignon and a sister, Huldah White.

CORNELIOUS "PAPA" JONES

CLASS OF 1968



Cornelious Jones was born in October of 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones in the coal mining town of Logan, WV. He graduated from Aracoma High School in 1959, where he played football for one year.

Majoring in health, physical education, recreation, and safety and history, he played middle guard, in 1961, but was cut from the squad. Undaunted, "Papa" returned to co-captain the team for three years and garner All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) honors as a linebacker with 376 personal tackles in 1962; All-WVIAC with 457 personal tackles in 1963; and All-American and All-WVIAC with 573 personal tackles in 1964. In 1976, the WVIAC selected him to the conference's All Time Great Team.

After his football career ended, he married and moved to California as a free agent, with hopes of making the Los Angeles Rams. He returned to West Virginia State College in 1968 to complete his requirements for a degree. Continuing his education, "Papa" worked toward a masters degree in guidance and counseling at Marshall University and the College of Graduate Studies.

He taught in the Kanawha County School System for one year. The following year he taught mobility of the blind at the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center. He then accepted the position as assistant director of the James C. Wilson Student Union on the WVSC campus and is currently the director of residence life and services with 25 years of service to the College.

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MILTON L. MAJETTE

Class of 1948

Milton Lawrence Majette was born September 12, 1927 to Roger and Ethel Majette in Richsquare, NC. One of five children, he attended elementary school in Courtland, VA. He attended high school at I. S. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, VA graduating June 15, 1944.

He enrolled in West Virginia State College in 1944, where he excelled in football, baseball, and track. He was the starting halfback for 4 years, was considered a professional baseball prospect, ran the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and led off in the 3-mile relay.

Milton was a science major, with the aspiration of becoming a doctor, and a member of Theta Psi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He graduated August 21, 1948 with a bachelor of science in education degree.

He married the former Greta Tuck, Miss WVSC 1948-49, on December 31, 1949.

Milton Majette had achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant at the time of his death, November 30, 1950, in action at Pork Chop Hill during the Korean conflict.

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RONALD M. MCLEOD

CLASS OF 1960

“Dedicated to Coach Art Burris and all swimmers who toiled without recognition”

Ronald M. Mcleod, a native of Washington, DC, son of Mrs. Josephine H. Hinton, attended Archbishop Carroll High School, participated in football, baseball, track, and graduated in the first graduating class in 1955.



He entered West Virginia State College in 1956, to compete for a football scholarship. He had no competitive swimming experience prior to his arrival at WVSC. However, Coach Chester A. Burris observed “Ron” swim four laps under water at the WVSC pool and invited him to join the swimming team.

Coach Burris taught Ron every swimming stroke and how to win in his specialty breaststroke and butterfly. During four years of intense competition in Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) swimming conferences, Ron swam against some of the toughest black college teams on the east coast. Ultimately in 1960, he led the WVSC swimming team to its first swimming championship in the history of West Virginia State College. This was a team of destiny, character and great courage. An Outstanding Athletic Achievement in Swimming—Senior Citation awarded in 1960 recognized these accomplishments: Captain, 1959 and 1960; 1957 State 200 Breaststroke Champion; 1960 State 200 Individual Medley Champion; 1960 State 400 Medley Relay—Butterfly Champion; member of 1960 WVIAC Swimming Championship Team, and winner of four varsity swimming letters.

2LT Ron Mcleod continued his pattern of winning swimming championships in the Army. In 1962, he coached and led the 17th Infantry Battlegroup in Korea to capture the 7th Infantry Division swimming championship and then competed in the Eight US Army swimming championship. In 1966, Captain Ron Mcleod competed with the German water polo team in Bremerhaven, Germany.

He is a member of the National “W” Club and has retired, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, from the US Army after 28 years of service. He is employed as a disaster assistant employee for Federal Emergency Management Agency, with assignments as FEMA liaison to the Presidential Task Force on Los Angeles riot recovery, the 1993 California winter storms disaster, and currently, the 1993 Midwest flood disaster.

Ron is married to the former Lydia Alvarado of Charleston, WV and they have four children: Craig, a graduate of the US Military Academy; Julie, a graduate of Florida A & M; Kirk and Alicia are seniors at Hampton University and Florida A & M respectively. Ron is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He was inducted into the West Virginia State College ROTC Hall of Fame in October 1990.

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CLAYTON D. ROCKHOLD

ALUMNUS (1946-49)

Clayton Douglas "Rocky" Rockhold was born September 3, 1925 in Springfield, OH. He attended Springfield Senior High School and was graduated in 1944. He lettered and received trophies in basketball, football and track, with basketball being his favorite and most outstanding sport.

In 1944 he entered the US Army serving for two years as a sergeant in the military police. While serving, he played baseball and basketball. He played on the servicemen's basketball team which won the Camp McKay championship in 1945.

He entered West Virginia State College in 1946 with the encouragement and support of a dear friend, Dr. Leo G. Robinson. Rocky played starting forward on Coach Mark Cardwell's undefeated 1948 basketball team and subsequent teams while at State. He left in 1949 to return to Springfield where he enrolled in Wittenberg University.

While at Wittenberg he was the first black to play on the basketball team. The local newspaper stated..."He is a deft ball-handler and is considered one of the cleanest ball players on the team." He lettered and received other awards for his outstanding performance on the team. He graduated in 1952 with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and received a master's in education from the University of Cincinnati.

After graduation he was employed, as physical education director, by the Springfield Center Street Y.M.C.A. under Alonzo P. Moss, now of Baltimore, MD. He has also been employed by the Springfield Juvenile court as a probation officer; the City of Springfield Citizens Opportunity Program as assistant director, and the Clark County Joint Vocational School, as a counselor for 21 years, retiring in 1988. He was instrumental in steering several young people to West Virginia State College.

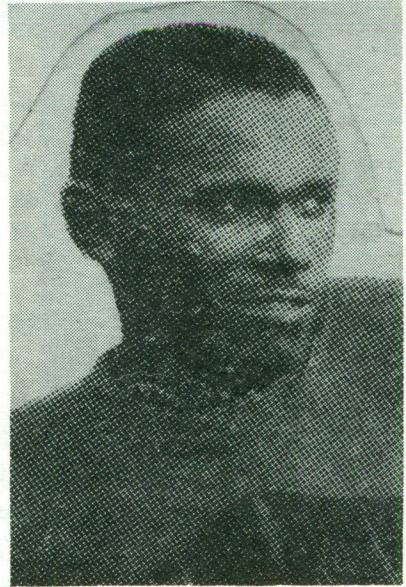
Because of his love for basketball, he became an official and officiated for 28 years in the Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky areas on the junior high thru college level. He has received awards for his outstanding officiating.

Rocky is a very active member of Wiley United Methodist Church. He is on the board of directors of the Springfield Urban League and Community Center; a life-time member of the Ohio Vocational Association, and a member of Elderly United of Clark County. While at State he pledged Alpha Phi Alpha.

He and his wife, Erma, have one daughter, Vanessa.

ELLIS L. ROSS

CLASS OF 1933



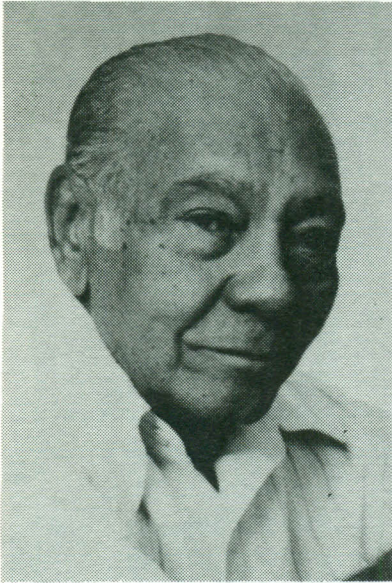
Ellis L. Ross was born in Clarksburg, WV on December 23, 1910. Although he left Clarksburg at an early age, he returned to graduate from Kelly Miller High School in 1929. He played football and basketball in high school. He graduated from West Virginia State College in 1933. While at State he played football and basketball. In football he was selected to the Abbott Monthly Negro All-American Team.

He served in the US Army during World War II serving in Africa and the European front. He worked for the State of Ohio Employment Commission. In 1960 he was elected to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission where he eventually became the executive director.

Mr. Ross has been a member of many social and civic organizations including the Columbus Chapter of the WVSC National Alumni Association and served on the board of the Transit Authority. He was an avid golfer and was quite physically active until the age of 80.

Mr. Ross, now 83, resides in Columbus, Oh.

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CLIFFORD VANHARGIS

CLASS OF 1938

Clifford VanHargis was born in 1910 in Chicago, IL. Following the Chicago rioting in 1920, his family moved to Detroit, MI where he attended grade school through his third year of high school. After some very lean years of work and skimping, he enrolled in West Virginia State High School where he was named to the 1933 All-State Basketball team.

He entered West Virginia State College, in 1933, to obtain a bachelor of science in education degree. While at State he participated in football, basketball and track and was named All-Conference in 1934, 35 and 36. After dropping out for one semester, Cliff graduated in 1938.

“Thanks to many sincere Institute friends, Millard Brown, Aunt Rosalyn Brown and, after 60 years, thanks to COL John Baker White and family, of the WVSC Department of Education, for saving my senior year.”

He entered the University of Chicago in 1939 and continued to work toward a masters in social work at the University of Michigan in 1940. In 1941, he became physical director at the Detroit YMCA where he coached men's and boy's basketball. His teams won two State Championships. He also enrolled at Wayne State University to obtain credentials to teach in the Detroit public schools special education program. From 1941-44 he was with the Bureau of Aeronautics, US Navy after completing a crash course at the Ninth Naval District School in Chicago. After the war, Cliff was employed by the County of Los Angeles, CA as a fraud investigator with the Bureau of Public Assistance and, upon promotion in 1954, became a probation officer assigned to the Juvenile Division. He became coordinator for the Volunteers In Service To Offenders (VISTO) in 1963.

Never one to be sedentary, Cliff played on the State of Michigan championship volleyball team in 1941, 42, and 43 and won the Los Angeles County Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship in 1960.

He retired from Los Angeles County service after 28 years, in 1975.

MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEE	CLASS	YEAR INDUCTED	INDUCTEE	CLASS	YEAR INDUCTED
Archie, William B.	1954	1990	Jefferson, Frederick D.	1946	1991
Bailey, James A.	1950	1982	Jenkins, Drewie G.	1938	1992
Bailey, Calvin L.	1972	1985	Johnson, Louis R. W. (DEC)	1940	1980
Bates, John M.	1937	1982	Jones, Hubert L. (DEC)	1939	1987
Bates, Pervis M.	1939	1981	Justice, Franklin P., Jr.	1967	1992
Baugh, Warren T.	1950	1988	Lloyd, Earl	1950	1980
Bellinger, Henry R.	1960	1985	Lynch, Wesley J.	1943	1990
Boone, James L.	1955	1989	Meadows, Floyd (DEC)	1937	1980
Bowles, Joseph	1942	1988	Middleton, Fred D.	1947	1983
Broadnax, Madison	1940	1989	Miller, Vandy L.	1954	1986
Brown, Dandridge D. (DEC)	1923	1989	Miller, Moreno G.	1955	1989
Burghart, William F. (Coach) (DEC)	1936	1981	Miller, Samuel	1951	1991
Burney, William L.	1950	1991	Moore, William George (DEC)	1924	1983
Burris, Chester A. (DEC)	1948	1980	Moore, Paul J. (Coach) (DEC)		1990
Burroughs, Knute W.	1937	1982	Moore, Oscar A.	1934	1981
Cardwell, Mark H. (Coach) (DEC)	1925	1980	Morris, James G.	1954	1985
Carey, Malva J.	1975	1985	Nunn, William "Bill"	1948	1990
Christian, Horace D.	1959	1988	Palmer, Daniel B.	1931	1992
Clark, Benjamin F.	1933	1983	Peters, Joseph C.	1948	1987
Clark, Clarence	1950	1982	Preston, James D.	1939	1990
Corbin, E. Adelbert	1940	1984	Price, Roderick L. (DEC)	1937	1980
Crawford, Everett G.	1927	1990	Reed, Vincent E.	1952	1983
Curry, Rupert G.	1953	1987	Richardson, Marvin H.	1937	1980
Davis, Frank Maxie (DEC)	1948	1988	Robinson, William J.	1937	1981
Davis, Robert A.	1948	1986	Saunders, Emmett B., Jr.	1943	1991
Diggs, Robert P.	1931	1987	Saunders, Harry (DEC)	1929	1984
Dillard, Clyde	1950	1987	Scott, James L. (DEC)	1934	1983
Edwards, Ernest E.	1932	1989	Shannon, Oliver T. (DEC)	1929	1988
Ellis, Oliver (DEC)	1951	1984	Smiley, Glover L., Jr.	1977	1992
Enty, Frank E.	1950	1992	Smith, Robert L.	1947	1987
Farmer, Samuel J. (DEC)	1930	1990	Smith, Willie B.	1954	1986
Froe, Dreyfus W.	1929	1984	Starling, Edward M.	1951	1986
Gallion, Michael L.	1964	1991	Starling, Carl (DEC)	1946	1990
Gamble, Samuel A.	1947	1980	Stewart, Colston R. Jr.	1934	1983
Gaskin, James C.	1939	1988	Swanson, John E.	1944	1988
Gilliam, Joseph W.	1952	1987	Taylor, Robert Paul	1951	1989
Greene, Oliver (DEC)	1931	1982	Thomas, Paul W.	1950	1986
Hale, Vasco D.	1940	1980	Thompson, Carroll U. (DEC)	1935	1984
Hamblin, Adolph P. (Coach) (DEC)		1980	Wares, James T. (DEC)	1933	1984
Harvey, Harold N. (DEC)	1936	1982	Watson, Norman E. (DEC)	1939	1986
Hawkins, Robert (DEC)	1954	1990	Whitted, Palmer D. Sr. (DEC)	1931	1985
Henderson, Herbert H.	1953	1983	Wickliffe, Edward V.	1950	1981
Horn, John W.	1943	1990	Wilkerson, James A.	1928	1992
Housen, Jack H.	1948	1987	Williams, Jerry B.	1951	1989
Israel, Isaiah	1938	1985	Wilson, James C. (DEC)	1946	1989
Jackson, William S.	1937	1981	Wilson, Robert	1950	1983

(DEC) indicates deceased inductee

ALMA MATER

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 daily 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.