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WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE  
NATIONAL "W" CLUB

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL



Cornelious "Papa" Jones, President

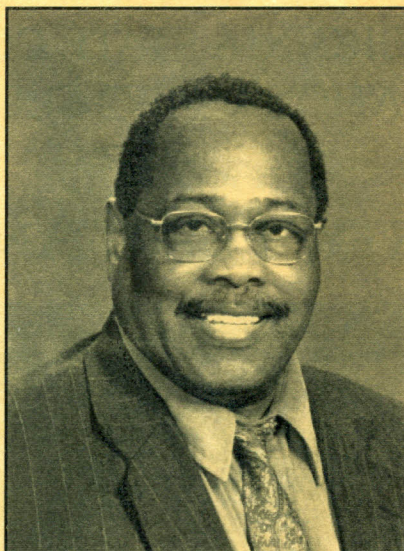
**SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**HOMECOMING**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2002**

**8:30 A.M.**

**GOLDSTON CAFETERIA  
SULLIVAN COMPLEX**



Cornelious "Papa" Jones

## **WELCOME**

FROM THE NATIONAL "W" CLUB ASSOCIATION, INC. PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

The West Virginia State College National "W" Club Association is pleased to welcome you to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The inductees who will be honored today have proven themselves to be outstanding athletes as well as serve as role models for others to follow.

The National "W" Club continues to work very hard to provide support to the Athletic Department as well as provide scholarships to deserving young athletes. Remember, without your contributions, most of these students may not even have the opportunity to attend college. You are to be applauded for your support.

I look forward to getting reacquainted with my old friends and hope this will be your most enjoyable homecoming ever!

Sincerely,

Cornelious "Papa" Jones  
President

# PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies ..... Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.  
Provost, WVS Community and Technical College

National Anthem ..... Mr. Rodney Boyden

Invocation ..... Mr. Vandy Miller\*

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

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

"W" Club Student Athletic Awards ..... Mr. Bryce Casto\*  
Vice President, Student Affairs

Outstanding Freshman Athlete	Outstanding Junior Athlete
Outstanding Sophomore Athlete	Outstanding Senior Athlete

Rotary Academic Achievement Awards ..... LTC (Ret.) Que C. Stephens  
President, Dunbar Rotary Club

Introduction of Inductees ..... Attorney Jeff Woods

Mrs. Marion L. Cunningham	Dr. Charles C. Hawkins
Mr. Louis F. Fish	Mr. Ben A. Hunter
Mr. John H. Gist	Mr. Joseph G. Watson, Sr.
Mr. Frank H. Harris	

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

Artifact Donation ..... Mr. Madison Broadnax\*

Contributions ..... Mr. Vandy Miller\*

Memorial Prayer ..... Ms. Malva Carey\*

## Ceremony Continues at the Canty House

Induction Ceremony ..... Dr. Taylor Perry\*

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.

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME



### MARION L. CUNNINGHAM

Mrs. Marion Lipscomb Cunningham is a native of Institute, WV. After graduating from Dunbar High School, she entered West Virginia State College, where she was an active student-athlete.

Marion, better known to most as "Baby Sister," participated on the cheerleading squad, the men's tennis team, and the swimming team. Baby Sister's love for tennis is what attracted her to the men's tennis team. There was no women's tennis team. Eventually, that interest led to a permanent position on the team. It is believed that she may have been the pioneer that led to Title IX, which required equal support for women as well as men in the area of sports.

Mrs. Cunningham has always been, and is still, very active in her community. She is a teacher for the emotionally disturbed at Kearny High School and the sponsor of several youth organizations.

She is the proud wife of the Rev. Barry Cunningham, who is a licensed psychologist and a native of Institute, WV. Baby Sister has two children, Barry Keith and Cynthia, and a grandchild.

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### LOUIS F. FISH

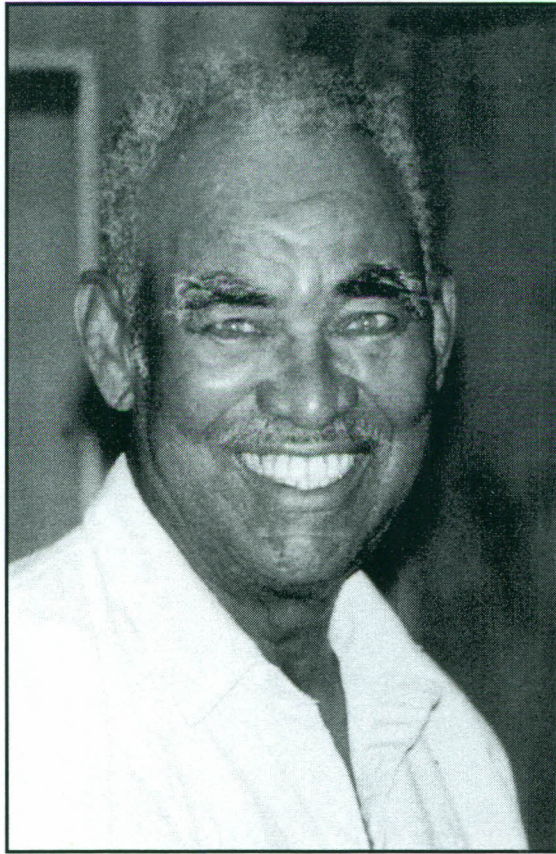
Louis Fish was born on July 1, 1940. His parents, Domenick and Filomena Fish, raised him, along with their nine other children, in the small, coal mining town of Boomer. He graduated from Gauley High School in 1959, where he was captain of the football team and won Special Honorable Mention for the All State Football Team.

He went on to attend college and play football for the West Virginia State College Yellow Jackets. In his position as fullback, he played every game for his four years of college and lettered every year. In the October 1963 game against Anderson, Louis scored the winning touchdown and had 26 carries and 126 yards. Mr. Fish graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education and Social Studies Education.

Coach Fish has been a varsity football coach at his Alma Mater, Gauley Bridge High School, for thirty-three years, taking the "Travelers" to two state playoffs. He has been teaching for thirty-seven years and is a member of "Who's Who in America Teaching," being nominated for that position by many students over the years. He has also been recognized by Fayette County Schools for excellence in the classroom.

Louis married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Drake, in 1963. They have three children and one grandchild.

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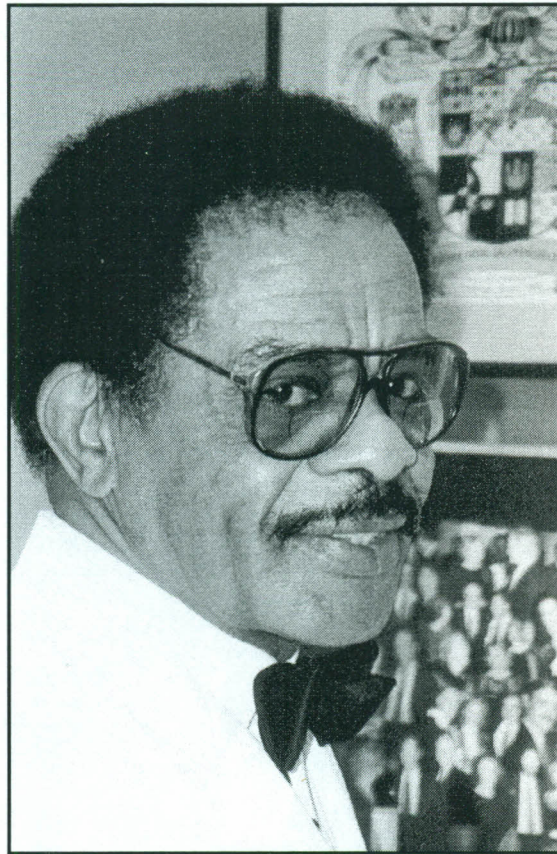
### JOHN H. GIST

John graduated from Scott High School in Glen Rodgers, WV in 1942. After graduating from high school, John was drafted and served in the United States Navy from 1943-46. He took boot camp training at the naval base in Great Lakes, IL. His active tour of duty was spent in the Pacific and various ports in Asia.

After his honorable discharge, John enrolled in West Virginia State College in 1946. While in school, he played defensive end for the Yellow Jackets football team for four years, including two appearances in the Capitol Classic in Washington, DC's Griffith Stadium. Following graduation, he joined the Mount Vernon New York Police Department and retired from the force in 1974.

Mr. Gist now resides in St. Petersburg, FL. He is a part-time truck driving instructor with the Pinellas County Board of Education. John has one son, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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### FRANK "TANK" HARRIS

Frank "Tank" Harris was born to William and Susie Harris in Cincinnati, Ohio. He entered West Virginia State College in 1946 and received his Bachelors of Science degree in 1950.

During this period at WVSC, he excelled in football and lettered in each of the four years he attended. As quarterback for State, in the 1948 and 1949 Capitol Classics in Washington, DC, Frank led the teams to successive victories against Virginia State in '48 and Tennessee State in '49. Additionally, he coached the Barber College's basketball team to four successful seasons in the West Virginia Industrial Leagues. He was considered a player/coach by the players and staff while on the field.

Upon graduation, he became Athletic Director at Hughes High School in Cincinnati. Under his direction, Hughes won four Conference Championships. He was instrumental in sending more than 25 athletes to WVSC. Among these athletes were Taylor Perry (All American) and Virgil Thompson (ALL CIAA and All American).

In service to the City of Cincinnati, Frank was successful in his advocacy of African American officials on all sports venues, which included the areas of junior and senior high football, basketball, track, and baseball. In 1991, he received a Commendation for Exemplary Service from Mayor David S. Mann for his efforts at the Bond Hill Recreation Complex and throughout the City of Cincinnati.

Tank married his college sweetheart, Doris, and to that union were born four children.



## WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME



### **DR. CHARLES C. HAWKINS**

Dr. Hawkins received his B. S. degree from Morehouse College in 1930; his M. S. degree from Springfield College in 1932; and his Ph. D. from New York University in 1937. He first came to West Virginia State College in 1932 and taught until 1935. He returned to Institute in 1945 as the Chairperson of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Safety and the Director of Athletics.

One of Dr. Hawkins' major accomplishments was assisting in the change of WVSC from a predominately black institution to the fully integrated school that it is today. This included the integration of the coaching staff, as well as all of the sports at the college. He promoted the idea of comradery both on and off the field. He was an innovator and an individual who believed in the transition of West Virginia State College.

On December 1, 1973, Dr. Hawkins received the West Virginia State College Health and Physical Education Association Recognition Award for his many years of service providing guidance towards the advancement of the goals of the profession. At his final commencement on May 18, 1974, special honors were conferred on him for his long and distinguished service to the College.

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### **BEN A. HUNTER**

Ben A. Hunter was born on May 30, 1947 in Greenville, NC to Arthur (deceased) and Sarah Hunter. He attended Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, CT, where he was on the All District and All Tournament teams. He transferred to Bruton Heights High School in Williamsburg, VA, where he graduated in 1965. He was all County and made the All Tournament Team in basketball.

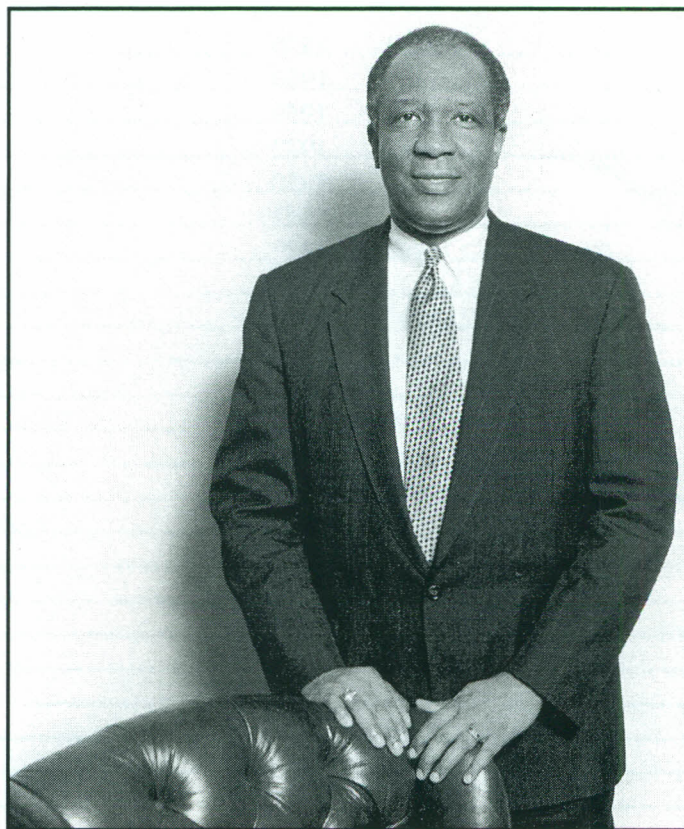
Mr. Hunter matriculated at West Virginia State College, where he was a four-year starter in basketball and is still the third leading rebounder. "Big Ben" was on the WVIAC All Tournament in 1969. He also played tennis and scored the only point in the WVIAC tournament in 1968. In 1969, he graduated with a B. S. degree in political science and a minor in psychology and philosophy.

Coach Hunter was an assistant football coach at Hillhouse High School, where his football team went 13-0 in 1985 and won the state championship.

He has received Distinguished Service Awards for the New Haven Police Department, AKA Sorority, Southern Connecticut State University, Dixwell Community House, Coca-Cola Basketball Tournament, Hillhouse High School Class of 1991, and Groove Phi Groove Social Fraternity.

Mr. Hunter resides in New Haven, where he is an Associate Principal at Hillhouse High School. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the NAACP, and Dixwell Congregational Church.

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME



### JOSEPH G. WATSON, SR.

The University of South Carolina had heavily recruited Joe since he hails from South Carolina, but the best school grabbed him. In 1961, he became a Yellow Jacket.

He was remarkably adept at playing various basketball positions with equal skill, a phenomenon that was not so prevalent among his peers during that era. Importantly, he was also gifted in so many facets of the game that his team mates often marveled at his command of the sport.

During Mr. Watson's athletic tenure at WVSC, he lettered for four years. For two of those years, he was named team captain. He made the WVIAC Conference All Tournament team in the 1964-65 season. While a member of the Yellow Jackets, he led the team in scoring in the 1963-64 and 1964-65 seasons. He was the WVSC Sportsman of the Year in 1963 and among the team leaders during the 1961-65 period. Joe was a member of the WVSC team that was runner-up for the conference Championship in 1961. In 1962, he was a major contributor to State's Playoff Conference Championship team. In each instance, Joe Watson was a stellar performer for the team, which went on to represent the conference at the NAIA Championship series.

To cap an outstanding athletic career, he was nominated in 1965 as an Honorable Mention NAIA All American. He went on to play professionally in the Industrial Basketball League as a member of the Cleveland Airomatics. He was team co-captain and starting guard in 1967 and 1968 and one of the leading scorers in the league during that time.

Joe is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and currently resides in South Carolina. He is embarking upon service in the field of theology. Joe Watson is the father of four children and a devoted family man.

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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, William 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.	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
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

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Farmer, Samuel J. (Dec.)	1930	1990
Ferguson, Daniel L. Jr. (Dec.)	1947	1994
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
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
Harvey, Harold N. (Dec.)	1936	1982
Hawkins, Robert (Dec.)	1954	1990
Henderson, Herbert H.	1953	1983
Holden, Alyce R.	1938	1996
Horn, John W. (Dec.)	1943	1990
Housen, Jack H.	1948	1987
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	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

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Nixon, James .....	1955 .....	2000
Nunn, William "Bill" .....	1948 .....	1990
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.) .....	1929 .....	1988
Sheets, Alden .....	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, 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*

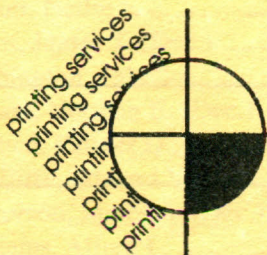
There is a place we love so dear—  
Its name we'll ever praise and revere  
'Tis West Virginia State we love—  
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

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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