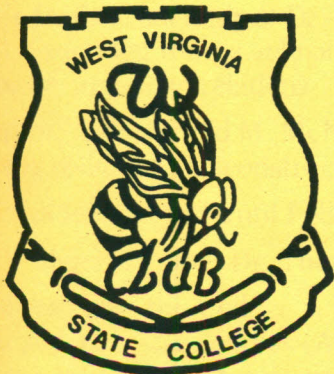


WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE  
NATIONAL W-CLUB

FIFTH ANNUAL

**SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION  
CEREMONY**



HOMECOMING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1984  
10:00 a.m.

DINING ROOM, SULLIVAN HALL

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA



# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

With the Land Grant Act passed by the United States Congress in 1890, West Virginia was mandated to provide education for black youth as well as white or face loss of federal aid for its agricultural and mechanical colleges. Thus, in 1891, the West Virginia Legislature voted \$10,000 to purchase a tract of land at Farm, West Virginia and build a suitable school building to house the West Virginia Colored Institute.

A barn and a blacksmith shop were soon added, and the first school catalog boasted that "a well chosen library of 500 volumes" was now open to students on Saturday afternoons.

Early presidents of the Colored Institute were J. Edwin Campbell, John H. Hill, J. McHenry Jones and Byrd Prillerman.

In 1915, the school's name was changed to West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and President Prillerman conferred degrees upon the first college graduates four years later.

John W. Davis, elected its fifth president in 1919, gave the farsighted and dynamic leadership that was soon to win the College national repute. In 1929, the Institute became West Virginia State College.

Under the leadership of Dr. William J. L. Wallace, elected the sixth president in 1953, West Virginia State College was transformed from a school for blacks to a racially integrated institution acclaimed for its success as a "a living laboratory in human relations."

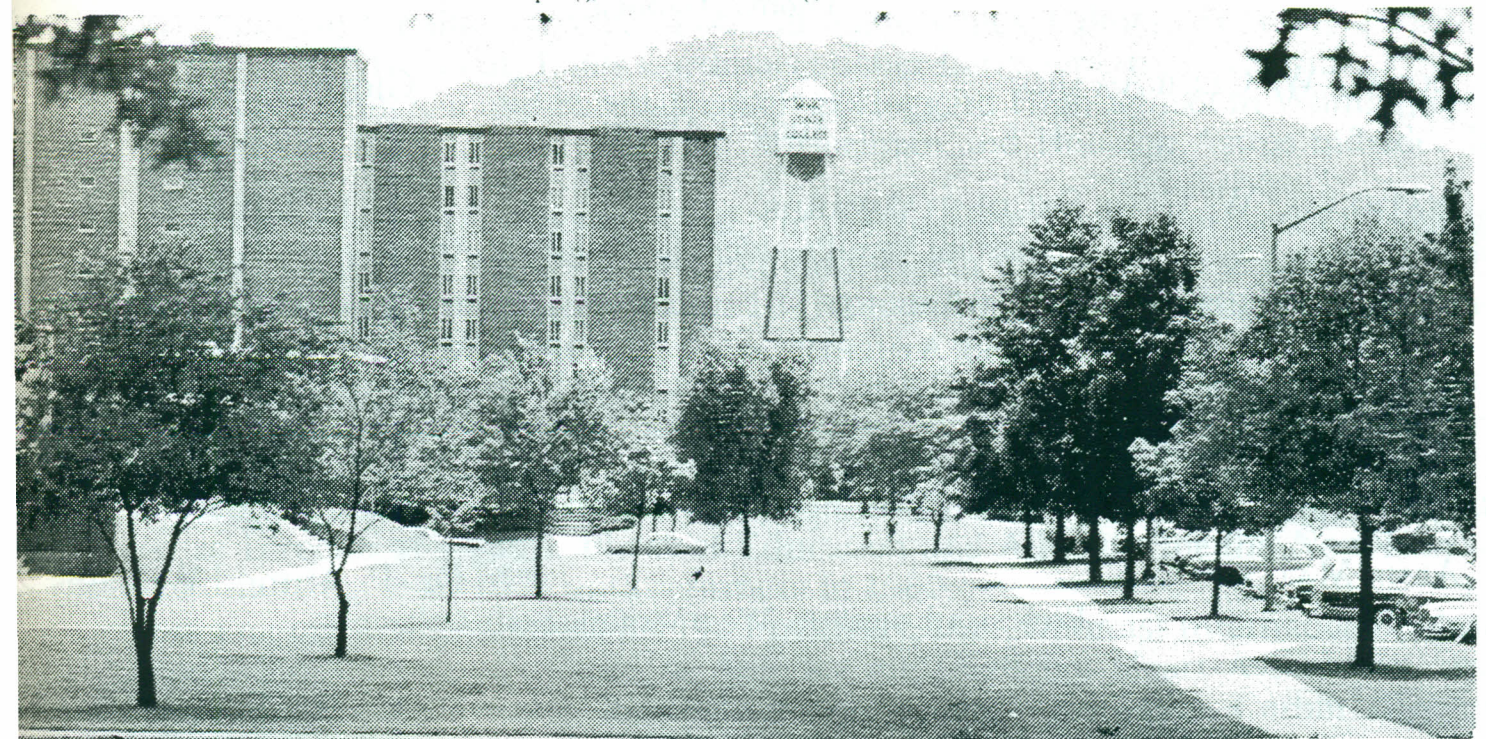
In 1973, Dr. Harold M. McNeill became the seventh president. A major thrust of his administration, renovation of existing buildings and construction of new ones, is part of the master plan designed under his leadership.

From July 1, 1981 until February 28, 1982, Dr. Floydelh Anderson served as interim president of the College.

On March 1, 1982, Dr. Thomas Winston Cole, Jr. became the eighth president of West Virginia State College.

Statistically, the College is highly diverse. It offers baccalaureate degrees (B.A., B.S., B.S.F.D.) in 22 different fields and associate degrees (A.A., A.A.S.) in 28. The College's fall 1984 headcount enrollment of 4,372 includes students from West Virginia and 20 other states and foreign countries.

Today, West Virginia State College is a public multipurpose four-year undergraduate college, with an emerging community college component, located in the metropolitan capital region of Charleston, West Virginia. Curriculum emphases include baccalaureate programs in business administration, teacher education, criminal justice, and several arts and sciences disciplines, and associate degree and certificate programs in commerce, industrial technology, and other career fields, as well as a substantial program of continuing education services.





# PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES . . . . . Vandy Miller '54  
National "W" Club President

INVOCATION . . . . . Rev. Lamar Davis '76

WELCOME . . . . . Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr.  
President, West Virginia State College

ATHLETIC UPDATE . . . . . Dr. Richard Treadway  
Acting Athletic Director

INTRODUCTION OF INDUCTEES . . . . . Herbert Henderson '53

## INDUCTEES—

E. ADELBERT CORBIN '40

HARRY W. SAUNDERS '29

OLIVER ELLIS '51

CARROLL U. THOMPSON '35

DREYFUS W. FROE '29

JAMES T. WARES '33

AWARDS . . . . . Vandy Miller, Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

NATIONAL "W" CLUB AWARD . . . . . Frankye E. Graves '56  
Thomas Cabbell

LOCAL "W" CLUB AWARD . . . . . Glover L. Smiley, Jr. '77  
Andrew Aheart

NATIONAL "W" CLUB STUDENT AWARDS . . . . . Dr. James D. Thomas  
Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs

OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN ATHLETE . . . Donna Gordon (Basketball and Track)

OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE ATHLETE . . . . . James Washington (Basketball)

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR ATHLETE . . . . . Patricia King (Basketball and Track)

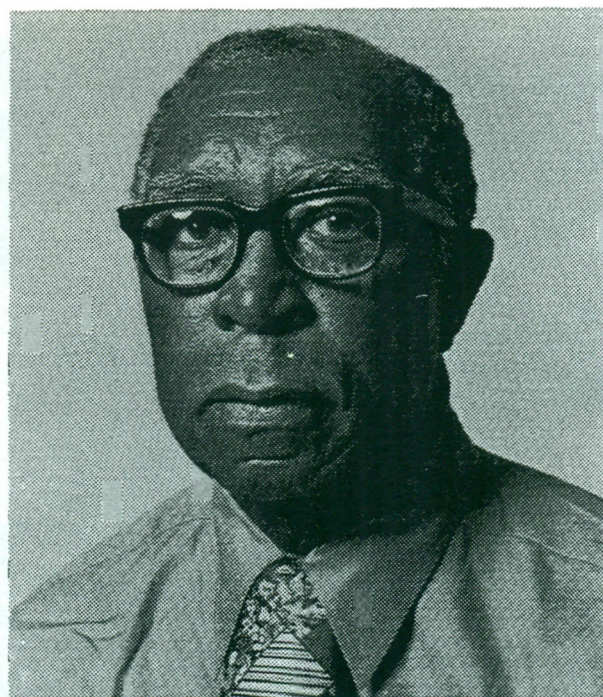
CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Vandy Miller

ALMA MATER . . . . . Dr. P. Ahmed Williams '28  
Professor Emeritus, West Virginia State College



# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

E. ADELBERT CORBIN  
Class of 1940



Adelbert "Spike" Corbin was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He graduated from Rindge Technical High School and from West Virginia State College in 1940 with a B. S. in Education. In 1948 he received a master's in Education from Boston University.

During his days at State "Spike" was a tackle and was named All-Midwest Conference in 1937, 1938, 1939 and All-American in 1939 and 1940. In 1939 he was named Most Valuable Player as an outfielder for the Syracuse professional baseball team.

From 1940 to 1942, he coached football and basketball for St. Paul Polytechnical College moving then to Williston Senior High School, in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he coached football, basketball and baseball from 1948 until 1968.

At Williston High School "Spike" Corbin coached professional stars such as: Wimbledon tennis champion and professional golfer Althea Gibson; Globetrotter and Bucketeer basketball player Meadowlark Lemon; Baltimore Orioles outfielder Sam Bowens; lineman for the Canadian Football team, Chick Palmer; St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Billy Davis and St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Larry Jenkins.

As assistant principal and baseball coach at Hoggard High School in Wilmington he coached Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Ron Musselman and Houston Astros infielder Jeff Smith.

He was honored as the Baseball Coach of the Year for the state of North Carolina in 1965, 1968, 1972, 1974 and 1975, Wilmington, North Carolina Citizen of the Year in 1967, Civitan Club Citizen of the Year in 1971 and in 1973 Hoggard High School named the athletic complex in his honor.

"Spike" was commissioner of the East Coast North Carolina baseball leagues from 1980 to 1983, won the North Carolina State high school championship in football in 1949 and 1955, in basketball in 1956 and 1966 and in baseball in 1955, 1963, 1968 and 1972.

He received a Master of Science degree in 1977 from East Carolina University and worked as Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the New Hanover Board of Education from 1975 until retirement in 1980.

He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Optimist International, Mason F. A. and A. M. Cartoonist's Guild of America and National Heart Association board member. He and wife, Juanita, have one daughter, Dr. Geraldine A. Corbin. Presently "Spike" is a free lance cartoonist and calligrapher.



# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

OLIVER ELLIS  
Class of 1951



Oliver "Bubba" Ellis was one of the most sought-after high school athletes on the East coast. He graduated from the former Parker Gray High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Ellis was a 12 letter athlete in football, basketball and baseball at Parker Gray and achieved All-South Atlantic Conference honors in all three sports. The conference included all black high schools in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia.

After graduation, he entered Howard University and later transferred to West Virginia State College where he graduated in 1951 with a degree in Physical Education, Health and Safety. While at State, he lettered three years in football and baseball and one year in basketball. He was named to the all C.I.A.A. football team, as a half back, in 1948, 1949, and 1950 and to the Negro All-American football team in 1950. He also was assistant coach and captain of the baseball team from 1948 to 1950.

He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and is currently employed as a deputy with the Youth Services Administration-Alternative Detention Division for the District of Columbia Department of Human Services.

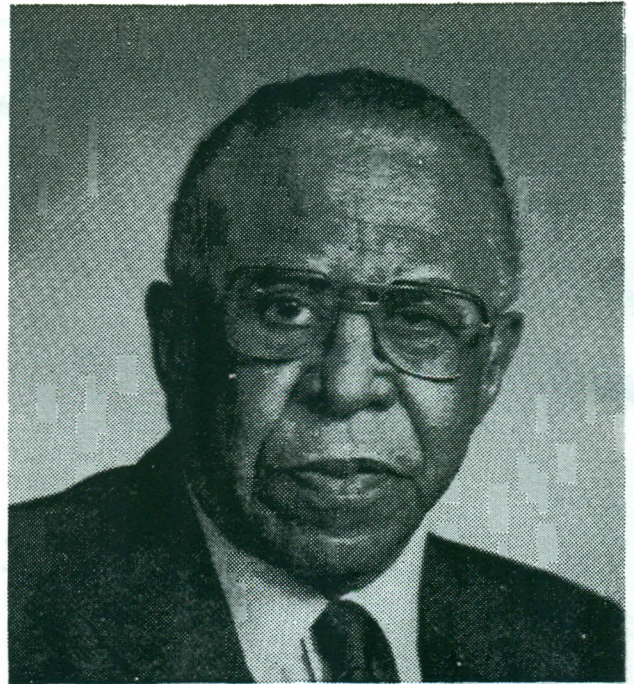
He and his wife, Wilhelmina, are the proud parents of three children; Oliver II, Gregory and Keith.

Mr. Ellis was recently inducted into the "Greater Washington Softball Hall of Fame."



# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## DREYFUS WALTER FROE Class of 1929



Dreyfus W. Froe was born in Bluefield, West Virginia where, even in early boyhood, he belonged to youth organizations which helped people, such as the Boy Scouts and church groups. He received his elementary education in the public schools of Mercer county and secondary and college education at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, which later became West Virginia State College. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1929.

While at State he participated in dramatics, was a member of the livestock judging, basketball, football and track teams.

In football he was a tackle for four years earning All Mid-West Conference honors in 1928 and 1929 and was selected to the Pittsburgh Courier's and the Chicago Defender's All-American football teams. He played basketball for three years as a center and guard and in track he was a two year letterman running the 220 and 440 yard dashes. From 1936 to 1945 he served as defensive line coach at Bluefield State College.

Mr. Froe attended West Virginia University, Marshall University, Boston University and the Foreign Service Institute of Washington, DC for graduate work. He was a teacher of education at the State Industrial School for Boys and in both the elementary and high schools of Mercer County.

He was instrumental in the fight which brought to Mercer county and the state of West Virginia the first teachers' union #586. He was instrumental in getting the black teachers membership in the Mercer county Burial Fund Association and in the integration of the Foreign Service Division of the U. S. Department of State and was assigned to represent the United States as a foreign service officer in West Africa's Liberia. He served two years with the State Department as a program analyst in the Far East Technical Division and served six years in the southeastern country of Laos as a Economic Développement Specialist.

He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the Elks, the Mercer County Planning Commission, Mercer County Industrial Development Commission, Secretary of the Mercer County Commission on Aging, County Emergency Medical Committee, County Economic Opportunity Workshop School for Handicapped Youth, the Bluefield Citizens Participant and Planning for Community Development and is a member of the United Methodist Church both local and national.

He is a widower with two sons, Dr. Dreyfus L. Froe and Dana A. Froe.



# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME



HARRY W. SAUNDERS  
Class of 1924

Harry "Rabbit" Saunders was born November 1, 1900 in Logan County, West Virginia.

He attended elementary school in Logan County and graduated from West Virginia Collegiate Institute (State High) in 1925. In 1929 he received a B.A. degree from West Virginia State College.

During his college days at State, "Rabbit" was a member of the Yellow Jacket football team as a guard. He was known as the best offensive guard that ever played at West Virginia State College. "Rabbit" actually played eight years for the Yellow Jackets; four as a high school student and four as a college student. He was selected to the All Mid-West Conference team in 1927, 1928 and 1929. He was also selected to the Pittsburgh Courier's and the Chicago Defender's All-American teams in 1928 and 1929.

Remembered by many of his fellow students and teachers as "one of the most liked students on campus", he was a member of the Alphas Phi Alpha Fraternity.

After college he began his teaching career as teacher and principal at the Omar Elementary school in Logan County. He also taught at Aracoma High School for several years before retiring in 1965.

"Rabbit" received the Outstanding Teachers Award in both History and Political Science from the Teachers Association of Logan County.

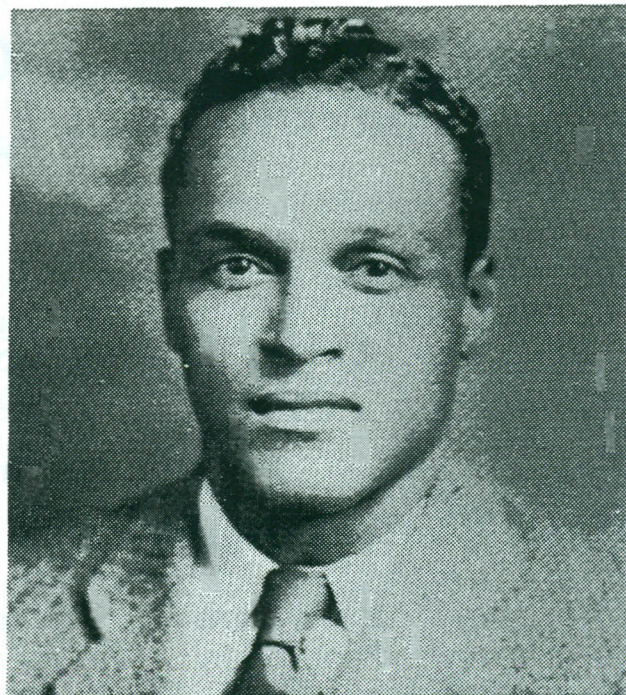
He was a prime recruiter of students from the Logan area for West Virginia State and a member of numerous civic organizations.

Harry W. "Rabbit" Saunders died in November of 1968.



## WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

CARROLL U. THOMPSON  
Class of 1935



Carroll U. "Cut" Thompson was born June 13, 1904 in Thompson Valley, Virginia. His athletic career spans many years. During his high school years he played with the "Big Blues" of Bluefield Colored Institute which later became Bluefield State College.

In a newspaper account found among his memoirs, dated 1928, he was cited as being the 'Big Blues' steady, dependable center, having the record of playing every minute of the game for the last four years and never missing or making a bad block. In 1929, while at Bluefield, he was selected to the Pittsburgh Courier's All-American first team.

Thompson transferred to West Virginia State College in 1932 where, as a Yellow Jacket, he played center and was named to the Pittsburgh Courier's and Chicago Defender's All-American teams from 1932 to 1935 and All-Conference for the Mid-West Athletic Conference.

He graduated in 1935 with a B.S. in Biology. After graduation, he played professional football with the New Jersey Roselle Rams. In 1937 he moved to Columbia, South Carolina where he taught science and coached football at Booker T. Washington High School. He later left the teaching profession to operate a janitorial service until his retirement.

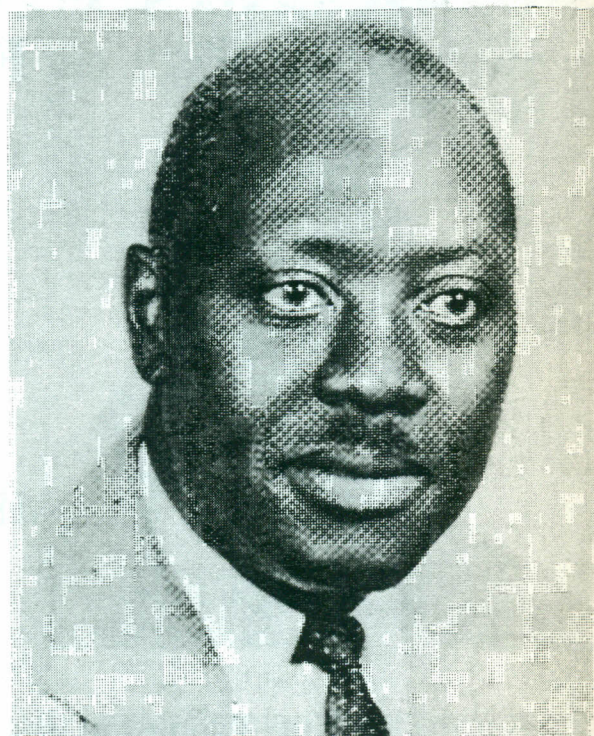
A member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., he married the former Myrtle Stevenson of Columbia, South Carolina. They became the proud parents of two sons; Nicholas and the late Carroll, Jr. Carroll, Jr. was a four year letterman at South Carolina State College where he played center and was captain of the football team.

Carroll U. "Cut" Thompson died October 28, 1983 in Columbia.



## WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### JAMES T. WARES Class of 1933



James T. "Ham" Wares was born June 3, 1911 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Uniontown High School where he was a star athlete and president of the student body his sophomore and senior years.

In 1929 he enrolled at West Virginia State College. He was known as a hard-hitting guard on the football team and named to the All-American football team for two years by the Chicago Defender and the Pittsburgh Courier and All-Conference for two years by the Mid-West Atlantic Conference. "Ham" continued to win the respect of his fellow collegians, both on and off the playing field. He was not only a gifted athlete, but also a fine, all-around gentleman. He received a B.S. and a B.A. in 1933 and a master's in Education from the University of Pittsburgh.

In 1934 he joined the Hancock County School System. During his long service in the education field, he contributed greatly to the growth of Weirton (West Virginia) area sports. He started at Dunbar High School and, when integration was decreed in 1955, joined the staff of Weir High School as a teacher and assistant coach of all major sports.

As a coach he was proficient, dedicated and respected by both fellow coaches and players alike. "I never saw him angry," said one associate of many years. "He was an easy going type, who never let his athletes forget that competitive sport was not an end unto itself but a means to a better life in which they should be prepared to contribute enthusiastically." A newspaper article stated that Ware's students are everywhere; scholars, professional football players, businessmen, the All-Americans, the plod alongs. They seem to have a sameness, those favored ones, possibly captured from the spirit of their teacher. Mr. Wares retired as a teacher and coach after 34 years of service.

He was a member of St. Peters AME Church, veteran of World War II, past master of the Rising Sun Lodge, F & AM, Friendship Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, past grandmaster of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the state of West Virginia, a member of the Thornton A. Jackson Consistory of Weirton, West Virginia and a 33rd degree Mason. A street, Wares Drive, was named in his honor in a new sub-division in Weirton, WV. Mr. Wares served in the United States Air Force obtaining the rank of 1st Sergeant. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

James T. "Ham" Wares died February 28, 1976 in Weirton.



# MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## CLASS OF 1980

Coach Adolph P. Hamblin (deceased)  
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Chester A. Burris "1948"  
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Institute, WV 25112

Louis R. W. Johnson "1936"  
8130 Stacy Road  
Alexandria, VA 22308

Marvin H. Richardson "1937"  
701 Walnut Road  
Charleston, WV 25314

Roderick L. Price (deceased) "1937"  
Mrs. Jean Price Taylor  
323 Nutley Street N.W.  
Vienna, VA 22180

Coach Mark H. Cardwell (deceased) "1925"  
Mrs. Mark H. Cardwell  
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Institute, WV 25112

Samuel A. Gamble "1947"  
3823 Dunloe Avenue  
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Vasco D. Hale "1940"  
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Tucson, AZ 85705

Earl Lloyd "1950"  
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Detroit, MI 48207

Floyd Meadows (deceased) "1937"

## CLASS OF 1981

Edward V. Wickliffe "1950"  
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Columbus, OH 43201

Will Robinson "1937"  
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Dr. William S. Jackson "1937"  
1072 Crestmont Lane S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30311

Dr. William F. Burghardt, Coach "1936"  
(deceased)  
Dr. Ida S. Burghardt  
6841 Nashville Rd.  
Lanham, MD 20801

Dr. Oscar A. Moore "1934"  
910 Oak Knoll Avenue  
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Pervis M. Bates "1937"  
3411 Springdale Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21216



# MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME (Continued)

## CLASS OF 1982

Dr. James A. Bailey "1950"  
1368 Oakcrest Drive S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30311

Dr. John M. Bates "1937"  
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Denver, CO 80217

Knute W. Burroughs "1937"  
P.O. Box 534  
Logan, WV 25601

Clarence Clark "1950"  
714 Park Road  
Worthington, OH 43085

Oliver Greene "1931"  
203 E. Main St.  
Ronceverte, WV 24970

Dr. Harold N. Harvey "1936"  
11929 Mallot Place  
Granada Hills, CA 91344

## CLASS OF 1983

Fred D. Middleton "1947"  
22311 S. Woodland Road  
Cleveland, OH 44122

Colston R. Stewart, Jr. "1934"  
50 Mountain Heights Avenue  
Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

Robert Wilson "1950"  
54 Wilbur Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07112

James L. Scott "1934"  
724 Argonne Drive  
Dayton, OH 45408

William George Moore "1934" (deceased)  
Mrs. Josephine Moore  
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Charleston, WV 25301

Dr. Benjamin F. Clark "1933"  
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Charleston, WV 25301

Herbert H. Henderson, Esq. "1953"  
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Huntington, WV 25701

Vincent E. Reed "1952"  
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Washington, D.C. 20012



# MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME (Continued)

## CLASS OF 1984

Harry Saunders (deceased) "1929"  
Mrs. Olena Williams (sister)  
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Washington, DC 20009

E. Adelbert Corbin "1940"  
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Bolton, NC 28423

Dreyfus W. Froe "1929"  
314 Belcher Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

Oliver Ellis "1951"  
9402 Fairhaven Avenue  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

James T. Wares (deceased) "1933"  
Mrs. James T. Wares  
100 Summit Circle  
Weirton, WV 26062

Carroll U. Thompson (deceased) "1935"  
Mrs. Myrtle Thompson  
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Columbia, Sc 29023

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Walter T. Flournoy

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