WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE NATIONAL W-CLUB

SEVENTH ANNUAL

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony





HOMECOMING Saturday, October 11, 1986 10:00 a.m.

DINING ROOM, SULLIVAN HALL

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."

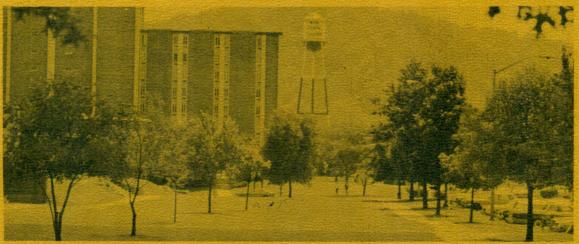
In 1973, Dr. Harold M. McNeill became the seventh president. A major thrust of his administration, renovation of existing buildings and construction of new ones, is part of the master plan designed under his leadership.

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.ED.) in 22 different fields and associate degrees (A.A., A.A.S.) in 28. The College's fall 1985 headcount enrollment of 4,465 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
Invocation
Welcome
ATHLETIC PROGRAM
Introduction of Inductees Dr. and Mrs. Charles Byrd
ROBERT A. DAVIS '48 VANDY L. MILLER '54 WILLIE B. SMITH '54 NORMAN E. WATSON '39 NATIONAL "W" CLUB AWARDS
Local "W" Club Award
"W" CLUB STUDENT ATHLETE AWARDS Glover Smiley
Outstanding Freshman Athlete Donald Williams—Track Tracy Hamilton—Track and Basketball
Outstanding Sophomore Athlete Charles Pat Clark— (Football) Bessie Moore—Cross Country and Track
Outstanding Junior athlete Ronnie Legette—Basketball Russell Clark—Baseball Larry Angle—Track
CLOSING REMARKS
Alma Mater



ROBERT A. DAVIS Class of 1948



Robert "Bob" Davis was born May 12, 1924 in Tampa, Florida. He graduated from G. S. Middleton High School where he was a member of the baseball, basketball, football, and track teams.

At Middleton, Bob received All-Conference honors in baseball, basketball, and track. In his senior year he was one of the most sought after high school athletes in the State of Florida.

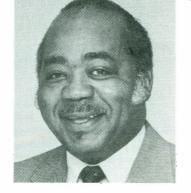
Bob participated in three sports for the WVSC Yellow Jackets, baseball, boxing, and football. He lettered in all three and was selected to the All-C.I.A.A. conference team as a second baseman in 1945. He also was selected as an Honorable Mention C.I.A.A. All-American guard in football by the Chicago *Defender* and honored as Player of the Week in football by Wendell Smith, Sports Editor for the Pittsburgh *Courier* in 1945.

He graduated, in 1948, from West Virginia State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

In 1958 Bob received a Master of Science degree in systems engineering from U.C.L.A. and his certificate of registration as a professional engineer from the State of California in 1976.

Prior to his retirement in 1983, he had an extensive career with the U.S. Government as civilian head of the Audit Branch and civilian head of the Cost Engineering and Evaluation Division. He is a member and past president of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity and president of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard Employees Federal Credit Union. He has also established civil rights organizations for the purpose of enhancing promotional opportunities for minorities.

He is an active member of the WVSC Alumni Association and the Los Angeles alumni chapter. In 1986 he was elected director of the far-western region of the Alumni Association. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



VANDY L. MILLER Class of 1954



Vandy Leonard Miller was born February 16, 1932 in Wadesboro, North Carolina. His family later moved to West Virginia where he attended public school in Gary and Bluefield, West Virginia.

While attending Park Central High School in Bluefield, Vandy participated in baseball, basketball, and football. Vandy was named to the All-State team in football.

Upon graduation, in 1950, he enrolled at Tennessee State College on a football scholarship, but Coach Mark Cardwell convinced him that he should attend WVSC.

Vandy was a four year letterman, in football, as a guard. Three of the four years Vandy played West Virginia State won the C.I.A.A. championship. He was an outstanding player and co-captain of the team. He was honored by being named to the Jackie Robinson All-American team in 1953.

Vandy graduated from WVSC with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology/physical education and was a distinguished military graduate of the College's ROTC program.

He received a regular Army commission in the medical service corps. He continued playing football for the Army and coached a division team through a winning season in 1957. He retired, after 24 years, a full colonel having received the Legion of Merit Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the National Defense Medal.

Vandy is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Pershing Rifles, the Washington DC Alumni Chapter, District of Columbia Organization of Black Scientists, and Montgomery County Blacks United for Excellence in Education, and currently is the president of the WVSC National "W" Club. Under his leadership, the "W" Club has contributed over \$36,000 to the College, in the past four years.

He earned a Master of Science degree in Radiobiology, in 1962, from the University of Rochester, Rochester NY.

Vandy is currently employed by the Federal Government as a member of the Senior Executive Service with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

He and his wife, Sylvia, have three children, Kevin, Karen, and Karmen.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

SPORTS HALL OF FAME



WILLIE B. SMITH Class of 1954



Willie "Suitcase" Smith was born September 12, 1930 in Massillon, Ohio. His family moved to Clarksburg, West Virginia where he attended Kelly Miller High School.

At Kelly Miller, Willie was a four-year letterman in basketball and football. His basketball team was the undefeated state champions in 1948 and "Suitcase" was named to the All-State tournament team, the All-Sectional tournament team, and the All-State team.

During his years as a West Virginia State Yellow Jacket he was a four-year letterman in basket-ball and football.

His freshman year, 1948, the football team won the C.I.A.A. Conference championship, in 1949 the team had an undefeated season, and in 1951 the team again won the C.I.A.A. Conference championship. That year "Suitcase" was named All-C.I.A.A. half-back and was selected All-American by the Pittsburgh *Courier* and the Washington Afro-American newspapers.

In basketball, the team won the C.I.A.A. Conference championship in 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952. "Suitcase" was a member of the 1948-49 team which was the only undefeated collegiate team in the nation and traveled to the west coast to play in the Cow Palace.

Willie was selected to the All-Tournament team in 1950 by the Washington Afro-American newspaper and was co-captain of the Yellow Jackets in 1952.

In 1952, he signed a contract with the National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers becoming one of the first blacks in modern times to do so. He also played semi-pro basketball for the Leone All-Stars, coached by Press Maravitch, the West Virginia University All-Stars and the N.B.A. Syracuse Nationals.

He graduated from WVSC in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education.

Willie is a member of the Elks Lodge; Black Business Development; Veterans of Foreign Wars; a Life member of the West Virginia State College National Alumni Association; a Century Club member of the National "W" Club; the Washington DC alumni chapter and the A.M.E. Church.

He is the owner of Beeson Video Pizza Parlor and Buddy's Flame Restaurant and Lounge in Washington.

He and his wife, Gay, have one daughter, Jackqueline, and three sons, Jonathan, Jeffery, and Anthony. His son Jonathan, a 1977 graduate of WVSC, is a former member of the Yellow Jacket basketball team and is an active member of the Washington DC alumni chapter.



EDWARD M. STARLING Class of 1951

Edward M. Starling was born January 2, 1925 in Leaksville, North Carolina. He later moved to Williamson, West Virginia where he attended Liberty High School and was a member of the baseball, basketball, and football teams. "Ed" lettered in all three sports and was named to the All-State team in basketball and football his senior year.

After graduation, in 1943, he served in the U.S. Army until 1946. He took part in the invasions of Salerno, Italy and southern France and served in the Pacific Theater of Operation at Okinawa.

In 1947 he enrolled in West Virginia State College. As a Yellow Jacket, "Ed" was a member of the football and basketball teams, lettering in both in his junior and senior years. He was a member of the 1948 basketball team which was the only undefeated team in the United States with a 30-0 record. Ed was named Honorable Mention All-American in football in 1951. He graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

After graduation, he attended graduate school at West Virginia University.

He returned to Williamson WV to work as athletic director and coach at Liberty High School from 1954 to 1966. At Liberty High School he coached the football team to an overall record of 62-50 and the basketball team to an overall 243-47 record.

In 1966 he moved to Williamson High School where he organized the first track and field program, taught driver education, and coached the Williamson Junior High football and basketball teams.

From 1966 to 1971 he served as assistant basketball coach for Marshall University under head coach Stewart Way.

In 1972 he earned a Master of Science degree in Physical Education, Health and Safety from Marshall University.

Ed presently serves as associate director of athletics at Marshall. He served as assistant athletic director at Marshall from 1970 until 1982.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Masonic Lodge, Elks, Optimist Club of Huntington, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, Urban Renewal Authority, and the West Virginia State College Alumni Association.

His brother, Carl Starling, was an All-American football player for "State" in 1939.

Ed and his wife, Anna, have a daughter, Gina.



PAUL W. THOMAS Class of 1950

Paul Thomas was born October 26, 1926 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He graduated from New Brighton High School in New Brighton PA where he was captain of the football team and the first black football player to be named to New Brighton's All-Conference team.

In 1944, he attended Howard University where he studied basic engineering. He then enrolled in West Virginia State. As a Yellow Jacket, he was a guard and letterman on the football team. He was selected to the All-Conference team and was an All-American in 1949.

He graduated from WVSC with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and math in 1950. Paul completed further studies at the University of Kentucky, Case Tech, Kent State, John Carol University, University of Illinois, and received his Master of Education degree from Cleveland State University.

From 1951 to 1957 he worked as a teacher and coached football, basketball, and track in Greenwood MS. In track, he coached both the boy's and girl's teams. One of his 9th grade students, Ms. Willye B. White, won a silver medal in the 1956 Olympics while still attending high school.

He taught for two years at Kentucky State College and, in 1959, moved to Cleveland OH where he began teaching in the Cleveland Public School System. He taught at Harry E. Davis Junior High School for 18 years.

Presently, Paul is chairman of the Mathematics Department and 1st vice president/grievance director for the Cleveland Teachers Union.

He has been a member of the West Virginia State College Alumni Association Cleveland Chapter for the past 26 years and is a former chapter president. Also, he is a member of the Trustee Urban League, National Alliance of Black School Educators, American Federation of Teachers, Cleveland Teachers Union, Phi Delta Kappa, Boy Scouts of America and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Paul and his wife, Alma, have three children, Paul A., Laurence, and Pamela.



NORMAN E. WATSON Class of 1939



Norman E. Watson was born June 8, 1912 in Charleston, West Virginia. He graduated from Garnet High School and received his B.A. degree from West Virginia State College.

In the spring of 1933 he was advised to withdraw from school due to a serious injury which occurred while participating in one of his shop courses. He returned in 1936 to complete his undergraduate studies in 1939.

He was a member of the Glee Club, and the football and basketball teams while in high school. In college, he played guard on the basketball team and fullback on the football team. He lettered for eight years, during high school and college, in both basketball and football. In 1936 he played fullback on the CIAA team that won the Negro National championship. He also was a member of the Trade and Technical Club.

He was made a brother in the Tau chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in 1932. Today, he is active in the Quarter Century division composed of Kappas of twenty-five or more years membership. He is also active in the Chicago-Gary chapter of the WVSC Alumni Association.

In 1945 he and attorney Willard L. Brown opened and operated, for nine years, the first Black Esso Service Station in Charleston WV. During this time he officiated football and basketball games in the West Virginia High School Association.

In 1954 he moved to Chicago, Illinois where he taught educable mentally handicapped children for six years. He was known for his rapport with adolescent students. In 1964 he received his masters degree in Education at Chicago Teachers College. He also did graduate work at Ball State and Purdue University.

Norman was selected, in 1973, as a candidate, recruited by TransCentury Corporation in Washington DC to fill operational positions in selected African universities and ministries. These candidates were recruited in various areas of the development process, principally agriculture, education, health, vocational education, and science.

In 1963, Norman transferred to Gary, Indiana to teach industrial arts, his field, at Tolleston High School. From there he went to the newly built West Side Senior High School where he headed the department of industrial arts for many years. During this time he also served as school delegate for the Teachers Union of Gary IN. He retired on June 17, 1982 after a long and rewarding career in the field of education.

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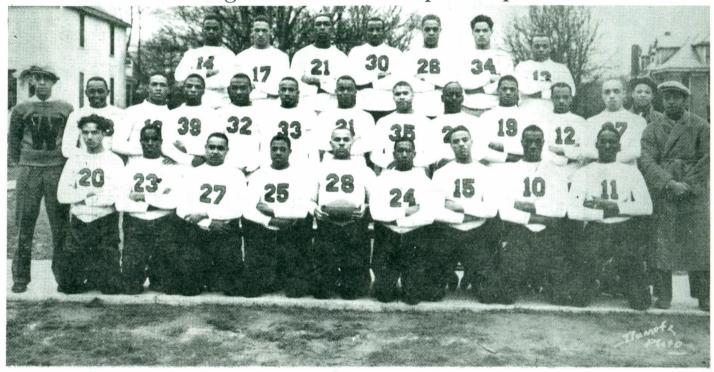
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1936 Negro National Championship Team



1st Row, L to R: #20 Robert Byrd, #23 Pervis Bates, #27 Earl Carter, #25 Knute Burroughs, #28 Isaiah Israel, #24 William Jackson, #15 James Griffin, #10 Vasco D. Hale, #11 John Bates.

2nd Row, L to R: Wendell Smith, #18 Will Robinson, #16 Richard Burton, #38 General Hannah, #32 Ralph Boykins, #33 Marvin Richardson, #31 Norman Watson, #35 Floyd Meadows, #22 Stanley Ross, #19 Gilley Jones, #12 Nathaniel Hill, #37 William Smithers, James Napper (Trainer), Donald Smith (Manager).

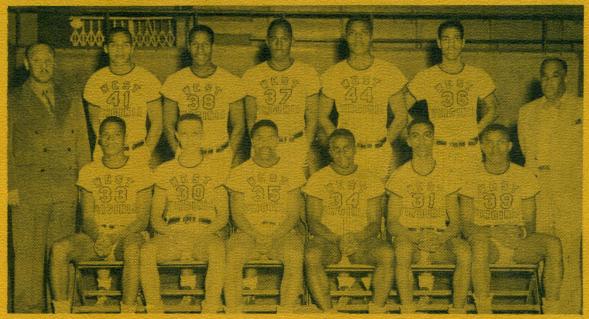
3rd Row, L to R: #14 Andrew Williams, #17 Norman Chapman, #21 E. Adelbert Corbin, #30 Roderick Price, #26 James Gaskins, #34 Ralph Starks, #13 Edwin Prigg.

Not Pictured: Drewie Jenkins, Coach Adolph P. Hamblin, Coach Goode, Coach Ellis, Arthur Wall, Reginald Talbert.

1924 Negro National Championship Team



1952 C.I.A.A. Conference Champions



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OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

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 'till 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.