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WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
NATIONAL "W" CLUB

TWELFTH ANNUAL



Canty House
Home of the
West Virginia State College

SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1991
9:00 A.M.

GOLDSTON DINING ROOM

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

The second Morrill Act of 1890 was intended to make available to black citizens training in agriculture and mechanic arts. Like other states that maintained segregated educational systems, West Virginia responded on March 17, 1891 by enacting legislation to create a special land grant institution for blacks. To this end federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries, and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase a farm and build a school building upon it. The institution was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute. In 1915 the name was changed to the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and its present name was assumed in 1929.

From its beginnings until 1915 the institution offered the equivalent of a high school education with a curriculum devoted primarily to agriculture, trades and teacher education. In 1915 the school was given the authority to award college degrees that included instruction in mathematics, chemistry, French and English. The first college degrees were awarded in 1919.

Beginning in 1919 the College turned increasingly to the development of a strong academic curriculum with emphasis upon academic excellence. First of America's Negro land grant colleges to earn accreditation, it has the distinction of having the longest continuing accreditation in the North Central Association of the public four year institutions in West Virginia.

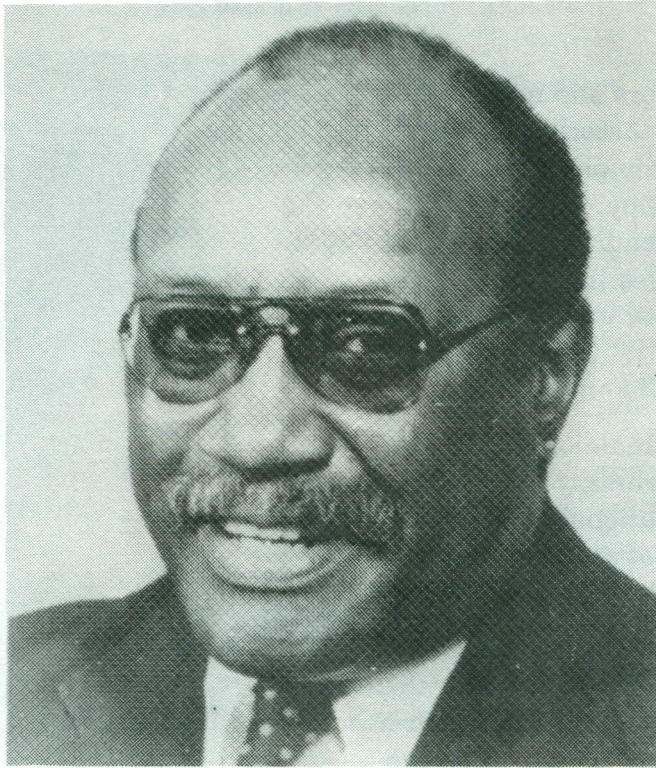
The 1954 Brown v the Board of Education United States Supreme Court decision had an immediate and dramatic impact on West Virginia State College. Within two years, the institution was transformed from a small black College to a racially integrated one. Since that time, program offerings have expanded and new ones developed as the College keeps pace with the demands of students and the needs of the larger community. From a modest beginning with forty students, West Virginia State College has emerged into a multi-purpose institution which serves a diverse student body which is multiracial and multicultural. From a small tract of land and a building, the College has developed into a multi-million dollar educational complex.



YELLOWJACKETS



In Memoriam



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 twelve 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 halfback, in 1948, 1949, and 1950 and to the Negro All-American football team, as a halfback, 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 was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was employed as a deputy with the Youth Services Administration-Alternative Detention Division for the District of Columbia Department of Human Services.

Mr. Ellis was a member of the "Greater Washington Softball Hall of Fame." In 1984 "Bubba" was inducted into the West Virginia State College Sports Hall of Fame.

Greetings

from the National "W" Club President:

On behalf of the officers and members of the National "W" Club Association, I welcome you to the 12th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This year's induction class is outstanding. They were chosen by representatives from the college administration, the National Alumni Association, the National "W" Club, and members of the Sports Hall of Fame.

As we celebrate the finale of our centennial and the 15th anniversary of the West Virginia State College National "W" Club, we have much to be proud of and greater challenges to address.

The National "W" Club owes its success to you. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the officers and, especially, the former presidents of the National "W" Club. Through their foresight and perseverance, we have been able to contribute nearly \$90,000 to our beloved college. Your continued support is needed in our commitment to support the education of student athletes at our beloved alma mater.

Much gratitude is expressed for your support in helping us to achieve the goals and



objectives of the National "W" Club. You indeed make it happen!

Sincerely,

Henry R. Bellinger
President

PROGRAM

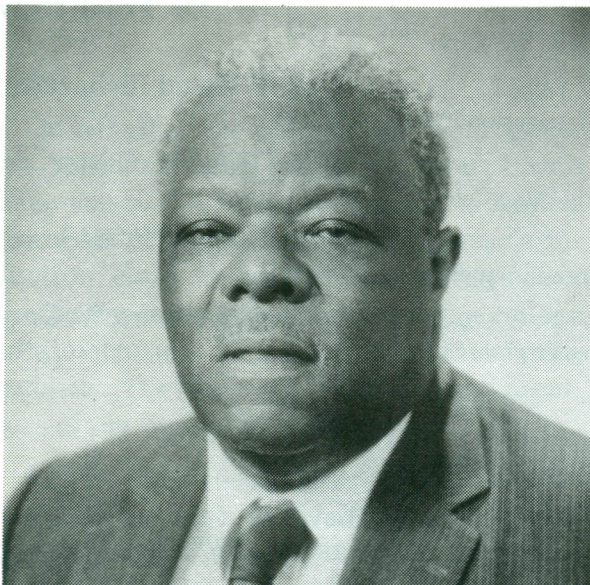
- Master of Ceremonies Dr. Frank Enty
First President, National "W" Club
- Invocation Rev. David Richardson
1990 Student Government Association President
- Welcome Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
President, West Virginia State College
- Greetings Dr. Gregory K. P. Smith
Athletic Director, West Virginia State College
- Greetings Mrs. Barbara W. Cary
Director of Alumni Affairs, West Virginia State College
- Introduction of Inductees—
Mr. Rupert Curry, Second President, National "W" Club
Mr. Vandy Miller, Third President, National "W" Club
Mr. Madison Broadnax, Fourth President, National "W" Club
Mr. Walter Wilkerson, President, Institute Chapter, National "W" Club
Mr. Acie McGhee, President, National Alumni Association

INDUCTEES

William L. Burney Samuel Miller Frederick D. Jefferson
Michael Gallion Emmett B. Saunders

- Memorial Prayer Rev. David Richardson
- National "W" Club Achievement Award Mr. Henry R. Bellinger
President, National "W" Club
- Special Recognition—Oliver "Bubba" Ellis Mr. Henry R. Bellinger
- Local "W" Club Awards Mr. Walter Wilkerson
President, Local "W" Club
- "W" Club Student Athlete Awards Dr. Ervin V. Griffin
Vice President for Student Affairs, West Virginia State College
- Outstanding Freshman Athlete Rhonda Ooten, Corey Morris
- Outstanding Sophomore Athlete Suzanne Raynes, Tommy Canterbury
- Outstanding Junior Athlete Anne Blaney, Kenneth Grier
- Outstanding Senior Athlete Lora Hedrick Bass, Carlton Jackson
- Rotary Academic Achievement Awards Dr. Charles T. Ledbetter
Executive Assistant to the President, West Virginia State College
- Christopher Wheeler Rhonda McCormick
- Contributions Mr. Vandy L. Miller
Fund Raising Chairman, National "W" Club
- Closing Remarks Mr. Henry R. Bellinger
- Alma Mater—

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Mr. William L. Burney was born on March 26, 1925 in Harrisburg, PA. He attended Susquehanna Township High School where he played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track. He majored in Business Administration with a minor in Physical Education while attending West Virginia State College.

Burney played football during the glory years at WVSC: 1947-49. During that period of time, WVSC won the CIAA and had a winning record in all three years. Coach Cardwell was a football genius who was 20 years ahead of his times. Cardwell believed that defense won football games and, therefore, he placed his best athletes on the defensive team.

William L. Burney came to WVSC in the fall of 1947 and graduated June, 1950. He started every game during that three year span as the right defensive halfback for the "Yellow Jackets." He was one of the few players in WVSC history who was never a *substitute*.

Although defense was his specialty, Burney was a terrific offensive back, playing in

WILLIAM L. BURNEY Class of 1950

a backfield that had an All-American at every position, namely, Joe Gilliam, Alfred Graves, Oliver Ellis and Charles Fairfax. Burney was always the first back to replace either Graves or Fairfax. When Fairfax suffered a season-ending injury, he was replaced by Burney, who played both positions for the remainder of the season.

Burney played baseball one year at State, 1949. He started the season as the regular second baseman and lead-off hitter.

Burney participated in track for one season, 1949. He was a javelin thrower on the varsity team.

Mr. Burney started the West Virginia State College alumni chapter in Harrisburg, PA. He recruited seventy students from the Harrisburg area that attended WVSC, five of whom are presently attending. He is a life member of the National Alumni Association.

Professionally, Mr. Burney served as chairman of the Board S.U.R.E. Incorporated (Sixth Street Uptown Revitalization Effort) a \$4 million housing and urban project for the City of Harrisburg. He is the author of the first "Latch String" program in the United States. Mr. Burney is the author of the *Summer Food Program for Harrisburg and Vicinity*. He is a trustee at Mount Sinai A.M.E. Church and treasurer of the Edgemont Fireman Club.

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MICHAEL L. GALLION

Class of 1965

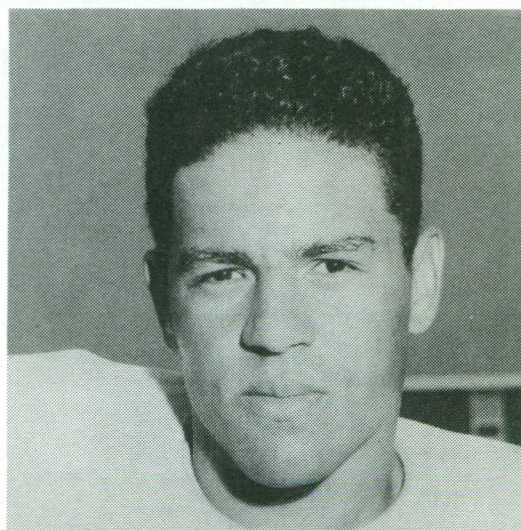
Michael L. Gallion was born on September 18, 1942 in Institute, West Virginia. He attended elementary and junior high school at State High School and graduated from Dunbar High School. He lettered in high school football and track. He attended West Virginia State College in 1960 and majored in Political Science and Sociology. He was awarded the Master of Arts Degree in 1967 from Marshall University and earned a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree from Pacific College in 1975.

Dr. Gallion attended West Virginia State on a four year Claude W. Benedum scholarship. While at State, he earned eight varsity letters in football and track. He was twice named to the All-West Virginia Conference football team. He was named four times to the All-West Virginia Conference track team. For his achievements in track, he was awarded the Roderick Price Outstanding Track Trophy. In 1964, he was elected by his fellow teammates as captain of the track team.

Michael is a former holder of the WVSC shot put record and former holder of the West Virginia Conference shot put record.

In 1965, he became the first student from West Virginia State College to be nominated as a Rhodes Scholar by the President, Dr. William J. L. Wallace, and Dr. Stewart Smith, President of Marshall University.

During his senior year at West Virginia State, he received the Senior Citizens Award for outstanding athletic accomplishments. He was student member of the WVSC Athletic Committee which Professor Paul Moore chaired for years. He also served as the assistant track coach for WVSC men's and women's track teams.

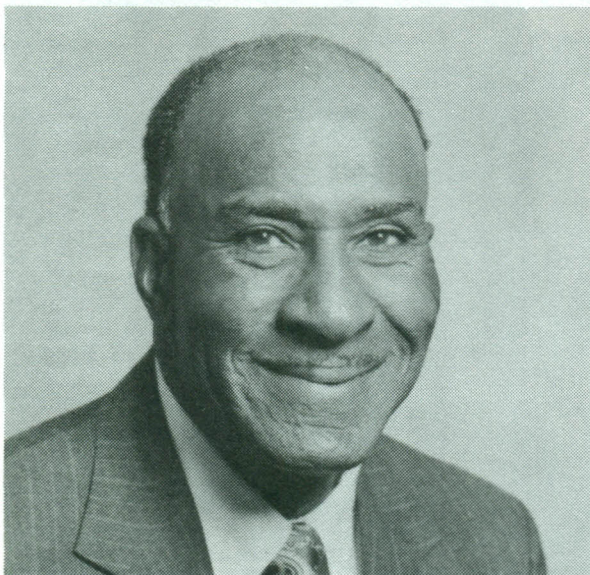


He has played professional football with the Quebec Rifles in Montreal, Canada and with the Charleston Rockets, in Charleston, West Virginia.

Currently, Dr. Gallion is a Health and Physical Education teacher at Cardozo High School in Washington, DC where he also serves as the team's strength and conditioning coach. He also served as Cardozo High athletic director.

He is a member of the D.C. Boxing and Wrestling Commission. He has been recognized for his exemplary contribution to boxing as a recipient of special Congressional Recognition Certificates and plaques from Congressmen Gus Yatron and Howard Cabell. He has coached six high school All-Americans and one Olympian from British Columbia. He is a minister of the Church of Two Worlds. He is married to Carol Gallion. They make their home in Vienna, Virginia. He is the nephew of Professor Emeritus Dr. Angie Turner King. His sister, Angela, was West Virginia State Alumnus of the Year in 1980. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a life member of the WVSC Alumni Association.

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FREDERICK D. JEFFERSON Class of 1946

He was awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree from West Virginia State College in 1946. He majored in Physical Education-Biological Science and used his degree to teach science in the Ohio school system.

He coached the 1944-45 State High basketball team to the State Championship. He had served as a guidance counselor, teacher, and assistant principal before becoming principal at Patrick Henry Junior High School. This position of principal he held for 17 years. In addition to his principalship, he also worked as director of recreation for the City of Cleveland for 20 years. In this capacity, he was most effective in working with youth gangs.

He is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Cleveland Urban League, and the NAACP. He is a faithful member of the Antioch Baptist Church. He is a former board member of the Antioch Baptist Church. He is a former board member of the Cleveland Urban League and the Catherine Tyler Multipurpose Center.

From 1979-1988 he was the champion or first runner-up in the Alumni Association Golf Tournament. He is a life member of the National Alumni Association and vice president of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter.

Mr. Frederick Douglas Jefferson was born in Bramwell, West Virginia on July 20, 1925. He graduated from Bluestone High School in 1946. As a freshman, Fred tried out for the football team and was successful in making the team. He later proved his athletic ability and agility by joining the basketball team where his outstanding performance as an individual and team player earned him a "letter." Fred continued to pursue his athletic career as a member of the Boxing Exhibition team. In 1946, Fred was voted All Around Athlete of the Year by his classmates.

Fred was an outstanding student as well as an outstanding athlete. He was actively involved in many academic and social aspects of campus life. So much so that he was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1943-44. He was managing editor and reporter of the college *Yellow Jacket*; vice president of The Senate Council; vice president of the Senior Class, and vice president of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

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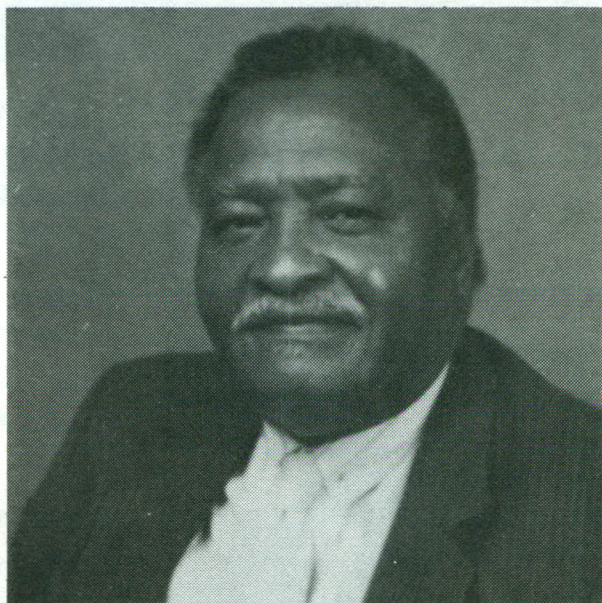
SAMUEL MILLER

Class of 1951

Mr. Samuel Miller was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 24, 1927. He attended John Marshall Elementary and Sumner High Schools in St. Louis, MO. He attended West Virginia State College in 1947 majoring in Physical Education. While at State, Mr. Miller was an outstanding football player. This sport he played for a period of four years in the awesome position of tackle. He was selected to All-CIAA football in 1950. He was graduated from West Virginia State College in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

After graduation, Sam began teaching and coaching football in the St. Louis Public School System. In addition to his many responsibilities, he found time to earn his Masters Degree from Washington University at night. Soon, he was made Athletic Director for the sports program at Sumner High and was honored by selection to the Greater St. Louis Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Miller served as principal of Beaumont High School from 1971-1974. He became principal of Sumner High School in 1974. What an accomplishment for a young person to graduate from high school, return to that same high school to teach and to later serve as the highest administrator of the school that he attended! After serving as



principal of these two schools, Mr. Miller was promoted to Executive Director of Magnet Schools and is presently Director of Special Services and Director of Security for the St. Louis School System.

Sam is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, American Red Cross, Upward Bound Program, President of the Great St. Louis Athletic Association (Hall of Fame) Board of Directors of Herbert Hoover's Boys Club, Phi Delta Kappa, Chairman, St. Louis Public Schools Secondary Principals Association, Past President Promethean Social Club, National Association of School Security Directors, Black Administrators Association, Most Blessed Sacrament Church and the Danforth Foundation Fellows Program, and a host of other civic and professional organizations.

He is married to Myrnae C. Miller and they are the proud parents of three children.

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Emmett "Blondie" Saunders was born on March 18, 1922 in Columbus, Ohio. He then moved to Clarksburg, West Virginia and graduated from Kelly Miller High School in 1939. He played football and basketball under the coaching of the late Mark H. Cardwell (who later coached at West Virginia State College), and made the All-state basketball teams of 1937 and 1939. He came to West Virginia State College in the fall of 1939 and majored in Agriculture. He earned his freshman numerals, along with three

EMMETT B. SAUNDERS, JR. Class of 1943

varsity letters. He was captain of the 1943 team and was selected on the all Mid-west athletic conference basketball team in 1942.

He belongs to the Cleveland Alumni Chapter and served many years as the chapter's treasurer. He is a Deacon at the Church of the Covenant and is involved in many other organizations in the church and community, including treasurer of a local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, Greater Cleveland Hunger Task Force and a Red Cross volunteer. He retired from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit system as supervisor of Charter Service, after 33 years of service.

Emmett is married to the former Billie Archey, a graduate of Wilberforce University. From a former marriage, he is the father of Emmett III and Lee Alan and has two grandsons.

MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF 1980

Chester A. Burris '48	*Adolph P. Hamblin (Coach)	*Floyd Meadows '37
*Mark H. Cardwell '25 (Coach)	*Louis R. W. Johnson '40	*Roderick L. Price '37
Samuel A. Gamble '47	Earl Lloyd '50	Marvin H. Richardson '37
Vasco D. Hale '40		

CLASS OF 1981

Pervis M. Bates '37	Dr. William S. Jackson '37	Will Robinson '37
*Dr. William F. Burghart '36 (Coach)	Dr. Oscar A. Moore '34	Edward V. Wickliffe '50

CLASS OF 1982

Dr. James A. Bailey '50	Knut W. Burroughs '37	Oliver Greene '31
Dr. John M. Bates '37	Clarence Clark '50	* Dr. Harold N. Harvey '36

CLASS OF 1983

Dr. Benjamin F. Clark '33	*William George Moore '24	Colston R. Stewart, Jr. '34
Herbert H. Henderson '53	Vincent E. Reed '52	Robert Wilson '50
Fred D. Middleton '47	James L. Scott '34	

CLASS OF 1984

E. Adelbert Corbin '40	Dreyfus W. Froe '29	*Carroll U. Thompson '35
*Oliver Ellis '51	*Harry Saunders '29	*James T. Wares '33

CLASS OF 1985

Calvin L. Bailey '72	Malva J. Carey '75	James G. Morris '54
Henry R. Bellinger '60	Isaiah Israel '38	*Palmer D. Whitted, Sr. '31

CLASS OF 1986

Robert A. Davis '48	Willie B. Smith '54	Paul W. Thomas '50
Vandy L. Miller '54	Edward M. Starling '51	*Norman E. Watson '39

CLASS OF 1987

Rupert G. Curry '53	Joseph W. Gilliam '52	Joseph C. Peters '48
Robert P. Diggs '31	Jack h. Housen '48	Robert L. Smith '47
Clyde Dillard '50	*Hubert L. Jones '39	

CLASS OF 1988

Warren T. Baugh '50	*Frank Maxie Davis '48	*Oliver T. Shannon '29
Dr. Joseph Bowles '42	James C. Gaskin '39	John E. Swanson '44
Dr. Horace D. Christian '50		

*Deceased

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

CLASS OF 1989

James L. Boone
Madison Broadnax
*Dandridge D. Brown

Ernest E. Edwards
Moreno G. Miller
Robert P. Taylor

Jerry B. Williams
*James C. Wilson

CLASS OF 1990

William B. Archie '54
Everett G. Crawford '27
*Samuel J. Farmer '30
Robert Hawkins '54

John W. Horn '43
Wesley J. Lynch '43
*Paul J. Moore (Coach)

William "Bill" Nunn '48
James D. Preston '39
*Carl Starling '46

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
NATIONAL "W" CLUB OFFICERS**

Henry R. Bellinger	President
Bernice Anderson	Vice President
Edward Scott, Jr.	Secretary
Julie Vass	Assistant Secretary
Walter T. Flournoy	Treasurer
William A. Robinson	Assistant Treasurer
Vandy L. Miller	Chaplain
Herbert H. Henderson	Parliamentarian
Fred W. Middleton	Sergeant-at-Arms

INSTITUTE-CHARLESTON "W" CLUB OFFICERS

Walter Wilkerson	President
John Fuller	Vice-President
Betty Spencer	Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Madison Broadnax	Past President
Dr. Ervin V. Griffin	Athletic Department
Calvin Bailey	College Administration
John L. Fuller	College Administration
C. Milton Kates	National Alumni Association
Robert A. Davis	National Alumni Association
William S. Jackson	Member-at-Large
Robert Wilson	Member-at-Large

*Deceased

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, Secretary
Louis Johnson, Treasurer

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.

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
Samuel A. Gamble
Adolph P. Hamblin
Earl Lloyd
Roderick L. Price
Mark H. Cardwell
Vasco D. Hale
Louis R. W. Johnson
Floyd Meadows
Marvin H. Richardson

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Proclamation

West Virginia State College

Be it proclaimed that,

WHEREAS, under the Second Morrill Act passed by the United States Congress in 1890, West Virginia was mandated to provide education for colored youths. Thus, in 1891, the West Virginia Legislature voted \$10,000 to purchase a tract of land at Farm, West Virginia, now known as Institute, and build a suitable school building to house the West Virginia Colored Institute as an 1890 land-grant college. The federal government allocated \$3,000 for faculty salaries.

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

WHEREAS, John W. Davis, elected its fifth president in 1919, gave the farsighted and dynamic leadership that was soon to win the College national repute.

WHEREAS, in 1929, the Institute became West Virginia State College.

WHEREAS, 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 "living laboratory of human relations."

WHEREAS, today, West Virginia State College is a public multi-purpose, multi-cultural, multi-generational, and highly diverse four-year undergraduate college, with a community college division, located in the metropolitan capital region of Charleston, West Virginia.

WHEREAS, March 17, 1991 marks the end of our first one hundred years of academic excellence.

WHEREAS, we celebrate this event, we now herefore let it be proclaimed that West Virginia State College is entering its second century of excellence.



President
West Virginia State College



We have entered our Second Century of Excellence—

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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.