

❖ *20th Anniversary* ❖

PROGRAMME

20th Anniversary BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

Saturday, February 19, 2011



Introduction of MC

Mr. Richard Dawkins
Lincoln High

PARADE OF PAST INDUCTEES

The Occasion

Mr. Ernest Hamilton

Grace

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: MRS. ANNA MARIE CLARK SMITH

DINNER

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

The Great & Legendary Beck High School Panthers

Gregory T. Knuckles
William "Billy" Yates
Ernest Hamilton

The Great & Legendary Washington High School Falcons

Clarecee Peters Schell
Arthur Butler

The Great & Legendary Lincoln High School Rattlers

Jimmy Dawkins
Hubbie Prince, Jr.
Gene Broadus

The Great & Legendary Bryson High School Hurricanes

Barbara D. Johnson
Freddie Michael Donald
Harold Chandler

The Mighty Great & Legendary Sterling High School Tigers

Joe Perkins (Posthumously)
Gracie W. Chestnut
Genice Thompson
Frank "Rabbit" Johnson

Good Night and Thanks for Coming

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Office of the Mayor

February 19, 2011


*Congratulations to the **Piedmont Athletic Association** on your **20th Anniversary** and for the many successes you have achieved.*

As mayor of the City of Greenville and on behalf of city council, we thank each one of you for the two decades of service you have given this community. You saw a need and without hesitation stepped up to fulfill it. Your sacrifices have made us all better people.

While you celebrate this milestone keep in mind that the start of a new decade brings with it opportunities to build on past successes. I pray that you will continue your service in the same spirit.

*And as you come together in celebration, Saturday - **February 19, 2011** at the Annual Hall of Fame Banquet, relax, have fun, and enjoy each other. You have certainly earned it!*

Sincerely,


Knox H. White, Mayor
City of Greenville

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➤ SPECIAL RECOGNITION ➤



Mrs. Anna Marie Clark Smith

Anna Marie Clark Smith, a native Greenvillian was educated in the public schools of Greenville and received higher education degrees from Knoxville College and the University of Michigan. She taught in the Social Studies Department for twenty years at Sterling High School (her alma mater) where she encouraged students to strive for goals that seemed insurmountable at that time. After thirty years of teaching, Mrs. Smith finally retired as a teacher at Wade Hampton High School.

As a retiree, Mrs. Smith devoted most of her time to her husband, the late Judge Willie T. Smith, Jr. and to serving as a volunteer to many community agencies. Among the organizations where she volunteered her services are meals for the elderly. Literacy Association, Greenville Civitan, Senior Action, as well as to Legal Auxiliary.

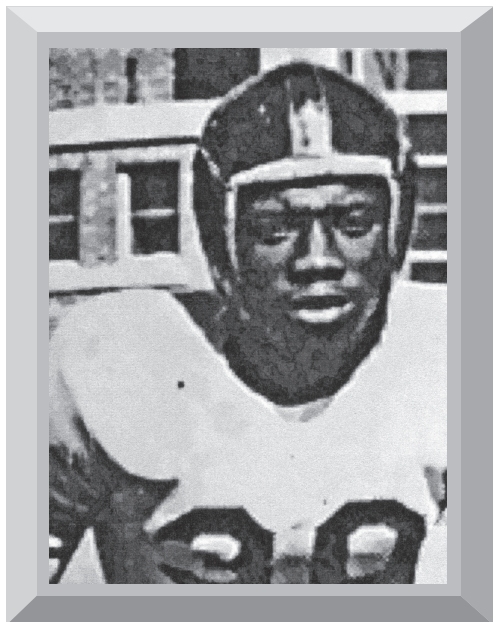
Mrs. Smith also served on the boards of many of these organizations including March of Dimes of Greenville, the Greenville Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Piedmont District South Carolina Federation of Women and Girls Clubs.

For her tireless efforts, Mrs. Smith has been recognized with many awards, certificates of appreciation and commendations.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Greenville Moles. She is an active member and Elder at Mattoon Presbyterian Church where she is director of the Children's Church, the building and renovation committee and the church's history committee.

Mrs. Smith is a yearly life member of the Piedmont Athletic Association where she has nominated many Sterling athletes to the Board of Directors to be included in the Hall of Fame.

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FRANK JOHNSON

“Rabbit”

Frank grew up in Greenville and attended Sterling High School where he played and lettered in football, and basketball. He was “All High School” and “All State” in football in 1948, 1949, and 19,50. His speed and his ability to stop and change directions made him a feared runner. He was a star and the pride of Sterling High School and a legend that put him in the company of some of the great running backs of our times. Teams had to make special preparation for him because Rabbit was hard to tackle. He was a gifted runner who left a lot tacklers on the opposing teams trying to figure out how to slow him down. The 1948 team he played on were State Champions. Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia, SC was one of the teams that fell to the Tigers that championship year by a score of 20 - 0. A big tough player by the name J.C. Caroline played for Booker Washington at that time.

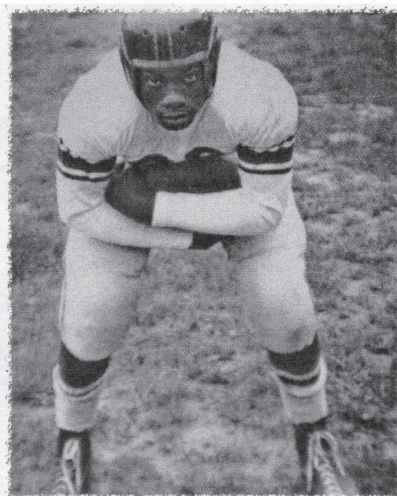
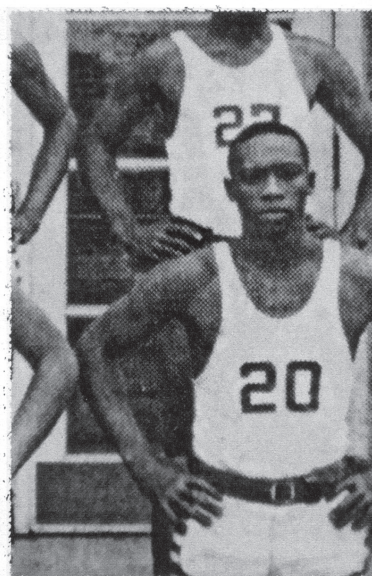
Frank graduated from Sterling in 1951 and was drafted in the US Army that same year and served until 1953. He was recruited by and played football for North Carolina A & T College in Greensboro, NC. He was All CIAA in 1954, 55, and 56. He played Semi Pro football 1959 - 1961.

Frank’s community services include work with 12th Street YMCA Washington DC Boys & Girls Club, and 10 years softball Coach.



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Frank "Rabbit" Johnson

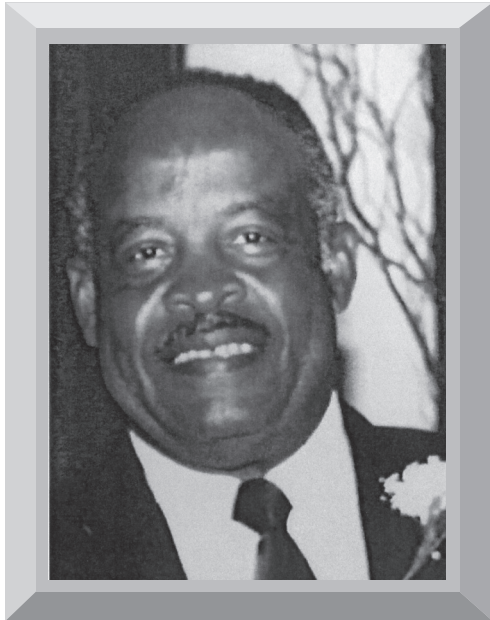


Sterling High School Class of 1951
Lettered in Football And Basketball
All High School and All State 1948, 49, & 50
A&T College (University) All CIAA 1954 - 56

Semi Pro 1959 - 1961
Community Services: 12 st YMCA , Wash.
D.C Boys and Girls club, Coached softball 10
years.

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JOE MELVIN PERKINS

Joe Melvin Perkins was a member of the Sterling High School football team during the seasons of 1945 and 1946 where he played tackle. He won several awards playing football but left the team his senior year to join the United States Army. He sacrificed his senior year to help his family. He was a member of the Sterling High School class of 1947.



After completing his six-year military obligation, he returned to Greenville, SC; took the GED and enrolled at Benedict College. While at Benedict, he again played the tackle position where he also won several awards. He received the bachelor's degree from Benedict College, Columbia, SC and received his master's degree for Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA. In 1992, he retired from the School District of Greenville County after 35 years in education.

Joe began his career at Brewer High School in Greenwood, SC. He served as a mathematics instructor and as an assistant football coach under the tutelage of Head Coach, Luther Bradley. A mentor to Joe, Coach Bradley demonstrated that the athlete must excel academically to be successful in life. Joe was at Brewer High from 1957 to 1967. This is the model that Joe used during the rest of his career.

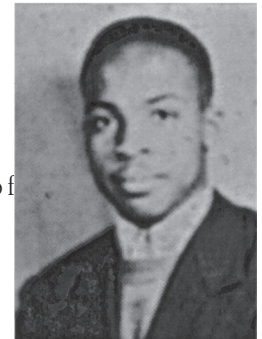
Upon leaving Brewer High, Joe came to Sterling High School in Greenville, SC. At Sterling High, he was head football coach and mathematics teacher. Sterling High presented many challenges to Joe; for he was the hometown football coach returning to his alma mater. He exceeded expectations. He compiled a successful football record and helped Sterling High reclaim its old glory of past years. As head football coach at Sterling High, Joe is responsible for sending 11 young men to colleges and universities through football scholarships. He was at Sterling High School from 1967 to 1970.



At Southside High School, where he served from 1970 to 1992, Joe continued his positive approach to academic and athletic excellency. He served as assistant football coach from 1970-1973. He served as head football coach from 1973 to 1992 and remained in the classroom, in 1985, he expanded his coaching duties to include girls basketball and track. Exhibiting football enthusiasm, the young ladies too were quite successful.

Coach Perkins was inducted into the Sterling Tigers Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2002. In 2006, the Southside High School football stadium was dedicated in his honor and was named Joe M. Perkins Athletic Stadium. In 2010, he was chosen as the first inductee into the Southside High School Hall of Fame.

Coach Perkins died December 5, 2010 at the age of 80.



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GENICE McIVER THOMPSON

Genice McIver Thompson is a retired physical education/health teacher and coach. She is a graduate of Sterling High School (1960) and Benedict College (1964). While attending Sterling High School she was a member of the basketball team and cheerleading squad. She received athletic letters in basketball but not in cheerleading because the Athletic Department didn't give athletic letters for cheerleading.



At Benedict College she was a cheerleader and a trainer for the women's track team. Since there was no women's basketball team, Genice was one of the statisticians for the men's basketball team. She lettered at Benedict College and was one of a few women that were inducted into the Block "B" Athletic Club.

Her first teaching position was at Gallman High School, Newberry, SC. For five years, she taught Physical Education and Health. She also coached the cheerleader squad and the girls' basketball team (four years) with winning seasons. Eventually Gallman High School was transformed into an elementary school with the arrival of integration so she was hired at Mid-Carolina High School, Prosperity, SC to teach Physical Education and Health. While at Mid-Carolina, Genice coached the Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleading squads

for 27 years. These squads won numerous awards and championships. The National High School Cheerleading Championship nationally ranked her Varsity squad in 1988-1989.

Some of her awards and accolades are featured below;

- South Carolina Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Founder's Award for Excellence in Teaching (1988)
- South Carolina Cheer Coaches Association "Service Award for the Executive Board" (2002)
- Newberry YMCA "Service Award to the Newberry YMCA Board of Directors" (1994-2000)
- National Association Sports Physical Education State Teacher of the Year (1993)
- South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association "Outstanding Service Award for 30 Years in Coaching" (1999)
- Founder, Vice-President, Executive Board Member, South Carolina Cheerleader Coaches Association (1985-1996)
- Benedict College National Alumni Association "Trustee Club Award" (2005)

Other boards and memberships (former/current):

- Newberry County Family YMCA (Board member)
- Westview Behavioral Health Services (Board member)
- American Red Cross (Board member)
- Newberry County Democratic Party (Volunteer)
- Safe Kids
- Newberry County Benedict College Alumni Club
- American Cancer Society
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Life Member, Pi Beta Omega chapter
- Friends of the Newberry County Library (Life Member)

Genice attends St. Luke's Episcopal Church where she is a member of the Episcopal Church Women and The Order of the Daughters of the King. She has been married to Robert B. Thompson for 43 years. They have three children, Mariscia, Morrall and Engle, daughter-in-law Tiffany and one grandson, Langston.

Genice retired from the School District of Newberry County in 1995 after 30 years of service. She enjoys playing bridge, reading, traveling and being a substitute teacher at Mid-Carolina High School.



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GRACIE WILLIAMS CHESTNUT

Born in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Will Williams and the late Elbethel Yalledy Williams of Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina.



Gracie grew up in Greenville South Carolina and attended Sterling High School where she was Co-Captain of the girls basketball team and a star athlete. Gracie attended South Carolina State University where she received a bachelor's degree in Biology/Science and Physical Education. She also attended Furman University and Clemson University respectively.

Gracie began her teaching and girl's basketball coaching careers at Whittmore High School in Conway, South Carolina.

She married James Edward Chestnut of Conway, South Carolina, who was an educator, business owner, and tobacco farmer. Upon his death, Gracie returned to Greenville, South Carolina to be close to her family and continued to teach. She was one of the first Elementary School Physical

Education teachers in Greenville County serving five schools throughout the district including children with special needs as well.

Grade served, for many years, as Summer Coordinator and Supervisor for the City of Greenville Department of Recreation.

She has received countless awards and accolades from Greenville County School District and the City of Greenville including; Teacher of the Year, Monaview Elementary School (1977); Berea Middle School (1982,1987); YWCA Women's athlete award, 1st runner up. Champion- women's singles and doubles table tennis tournament; Berea High School Athletic Award; Greenville County School District Flame Award for 30 years of teaching 2000 School District Board of Trustees for 32 years; Mountain View Baptist Church teacher training school of ministry.

Grace retired from Greenville County School District in 2000. She is currently working at Berea Middle School as an in-school-suspension instructor and is still involved in coaching girl's basketball, and enjoys volunteering in school activities in various capacities. Her lifelong passion for mentoring and counseling students is still one other greatest joys.

Gracie is a member of Mountain View Baptist Church where she serves as a children's church teacher*

She is an active member in the Las Amiga's Inc.



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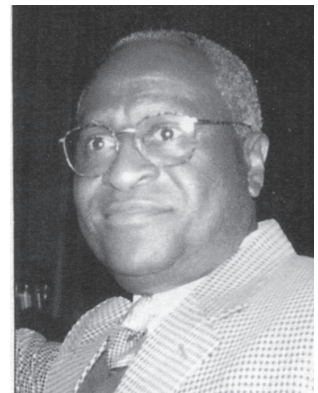
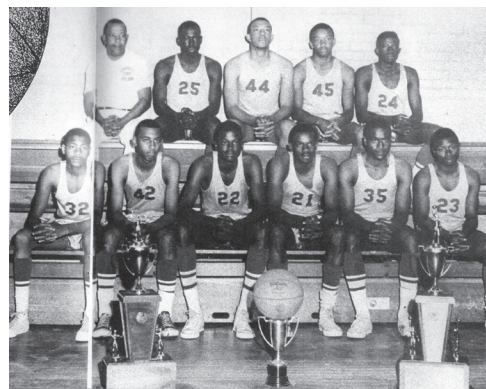
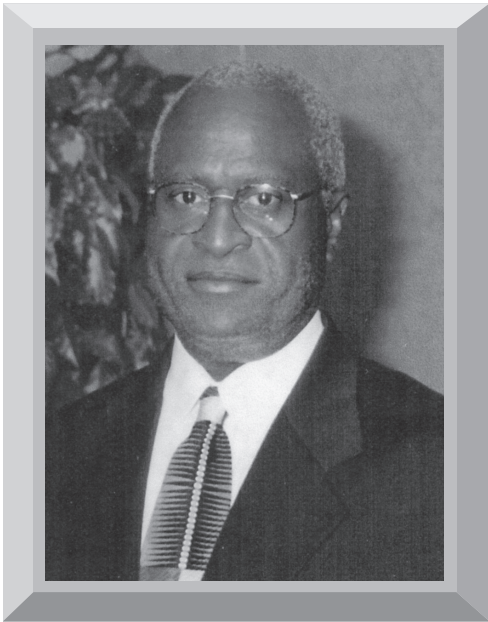
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HAROLD CHANDLER

Harold Chandler attended Bryson High School and graduated in 1966. While at Bryson he played baseball, football and went to two state championships with the basketball team.

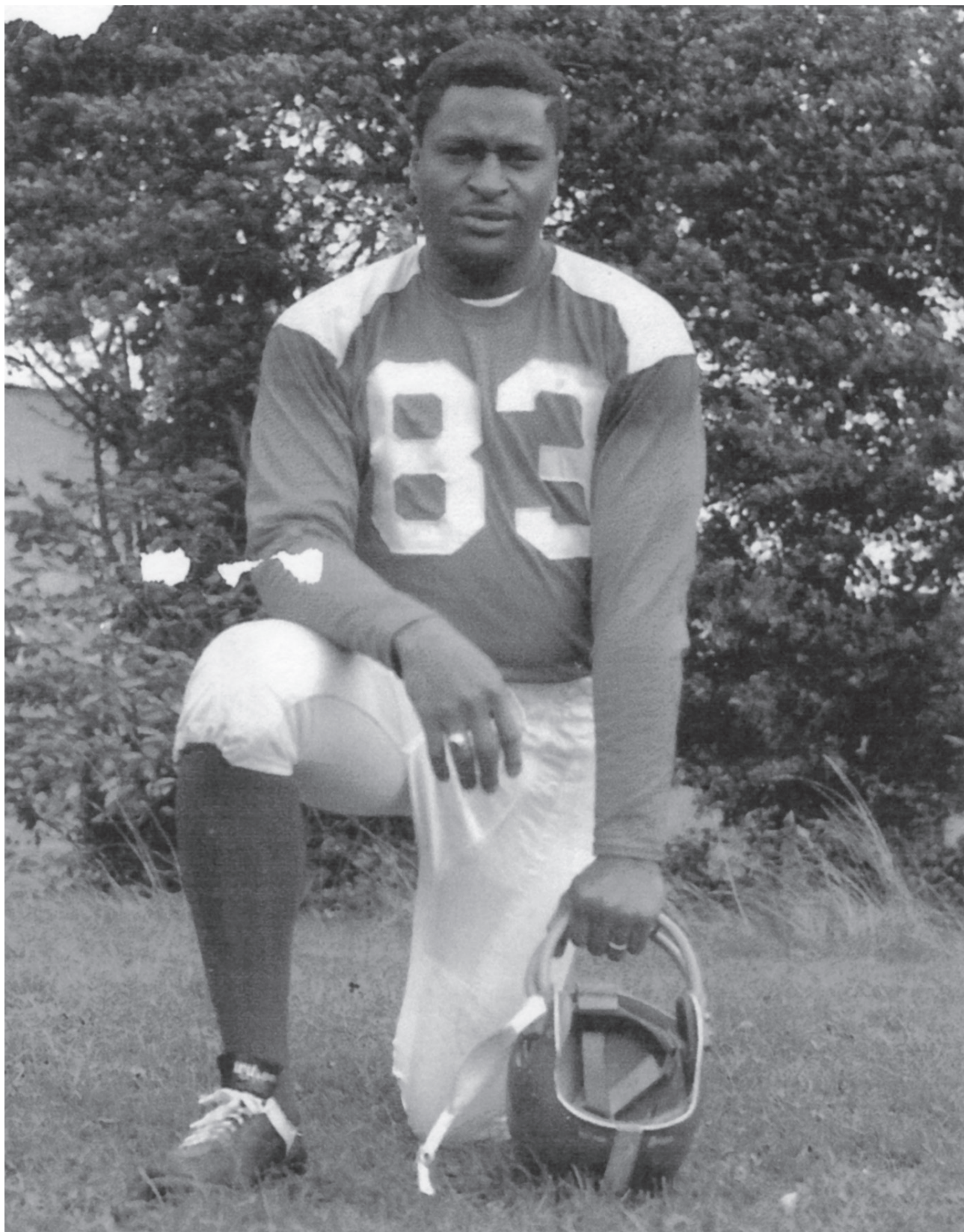
After graduating, Harold attended Greenville Technical College. He also spent 3 years serving in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at the Upper Heyford Airforce Base in London, England.

Harold has been an umpire for middle schools and Mauldin Rec. He is on the Deacon Board of Flat Rock Baptist Church.



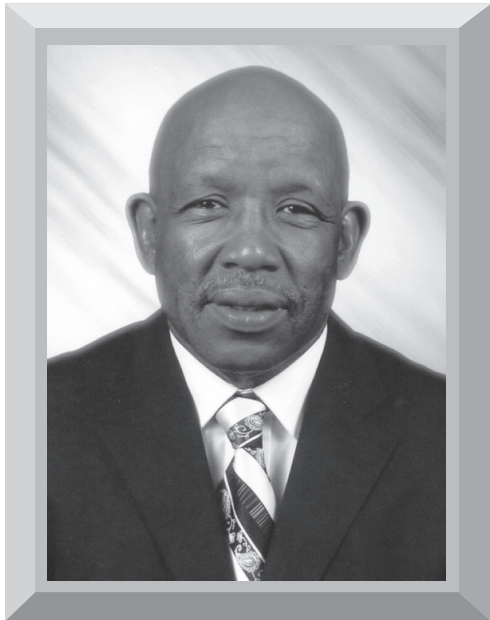
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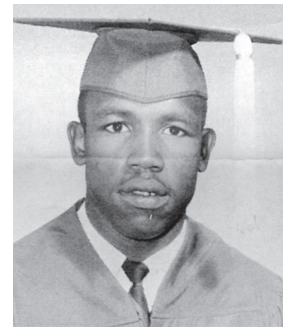
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HUBBIE PRINCE, JR. “Hub”

Hubbie Prince, Jr. was born April 24, 1947 and raised in Taylors, SC the oldest of 5 children and the son of the late Hubbie Sr. and Nellie Jones Prince of Taylors.

Hubbie started school at St. Matthew Church Elementary School until Lincoln was built in 1955. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1966. Hubbie lettered 5 years in football and baseball and was the captain of the football and baseball team his senior year in high school. Hubbie played running back and defensive back in football and set a school record with 23 touchdowns in a season. Hubbie was the catcher and shortstop on the baseball team.



Hubbie played baseball for the Taylors Cubs and community traveling team that played in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Coached little league for 6 years. Hubbie helped for the Black Greenville-Spartanburg Tennis League to help kids learn the game of tennis in 1990. He also played tennis for 25 years until knee problems and a knee replacement in 2001. Hubbie was a member of the USTA with a 4.5 rating. Retired from Rohm & Haas after 30 years. Hubbie is a member of St. Matthews United Methodist Church of Taylors, SC and a former of the trustee board.

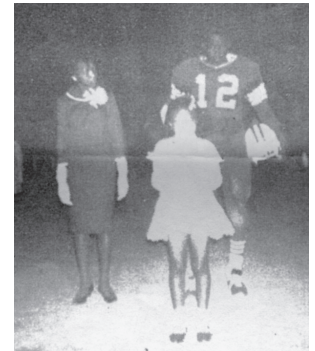


Hobbies include watching sports, working out at the YMCA and watching his grandchildren playing ball.

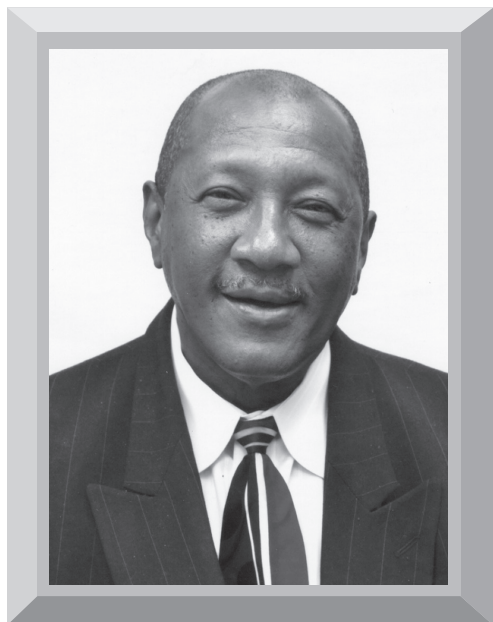
Hubbie married Sara F. Salters May 1, 1990. They have one son, Julius (Demetria) Prince, and two wonderful grandchildren, Raziya and Juwan Prince of Mauldin, SC.



Hubbie extends his thanks to the Piedmont Athletic Association for this honor of being inducted in the PAA Hall of Fame.



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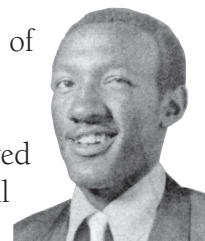


FREDDIE MICHAEL DONALD

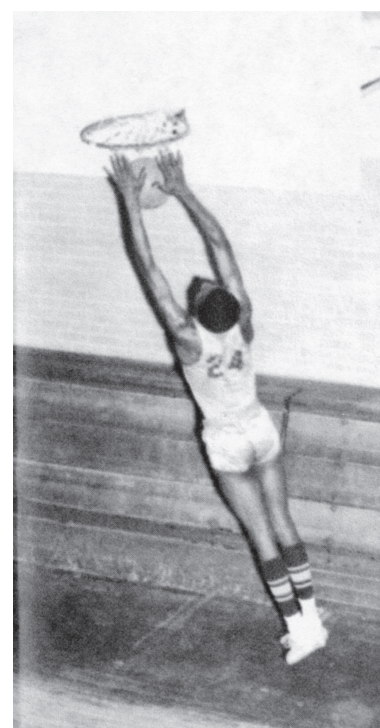
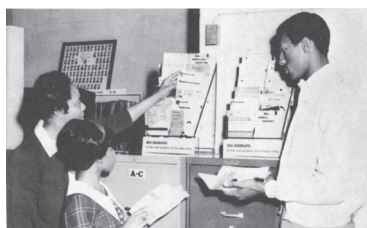
“Mike”

Freddie Michael Donald is a 1969 graduate of Bryson High School.

While at Bryson High School “Mike” played basketball, football and ran track. He was All Conference in 1968 and 1969.



“Mike” has been on the Greenville Cty. YMCA basketball team and has refereed basketball for many years.



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ARTHUR L. BUTLER

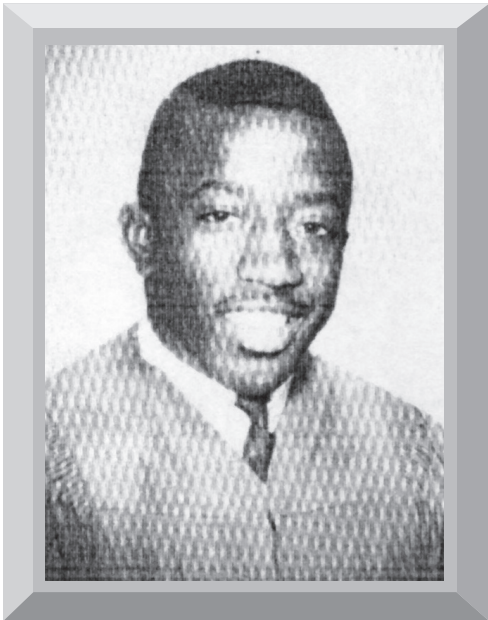


Arthur L. Butler attended Washington High School from 1963-1964. While there he lettered in football, basketball and baseball.

After graduation Arthur attended and graduated from Greenville Tec in 1972.

Arthur was a professional boxer winning the Golden Gloves in Omaha, Nebraska in 1966 for Ellsworth AF Base, South Dakota. He was base champ Light Middleweight in 1965-66.

Arthur has devoted time as a little league football coach and scout master.



Four Ellsworth Boxers Chosen To Go to Omaha Golden Gloves

Four Ellsworth boxers have been chosen to represent South Dakota in the regional Golden Gloves tournament at Omaha, Neb., Feb. 12-13. They are heavyweights Benny Fields and Al Kallhoff and middleweights Mike Floyd and Art Butler.

They were chosen following the State Golden Gloves tournament held last Thursday and Friday in Rapid City. Fields and

Floyd will compete in the open division, and Kallhoff and Butler in the novice division.

Fields won the South Dakota Golden Gloves open division heavyweight championship without lifting a glove. He was unopposed in the state tournament.

Floyd, the only other base boxer in the open division, lost a split decision to Roger Nollisch of Rapid City Thursday night. Kallhoff won the novice heavyweight title for Ellsworth with a TKO victory Friday over Charles Augustine of Pierre.

Butler won a third round TKO over Randy Sneek of Newell Thursday, but lost a split decision to Larry Wehrkamp of Rapid City Friday. Both Butler and Wehrkamp were knocked out of the ring during the bout.



EAFB Boxers Fight Saturday

Two and possibly three Ellsworth boxers are expected to fight tomorrow night at the Rapid City auditorium in the season's first fight card. The matches, sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union, are scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. General admission is \$1. Reserved ringside seats are \$2.

Ellsworth boxing coach Earl Wikerson says at least two of his men should see action -- light heavyweight Bennie Fields of the 821st Civil Engineering Squadron and welterweight Mike Floyd of the 821st Combat Defense Squadron.

Matches are also being sought for lightweight Larry Williams and heavyweight Al Kallhoff of the 821st Medical Group, and welterweight Art Butler of the 821st Combat Defense.

SUPPORT YOUR BASE TEAM



Four Base Boxers Show Style

Four Ellsworth boxers saw action at the Boxing Smoker here Saturday night, witnessed by some 1,200 fight fans.

The card included six regular bouts and two exhibitions.

Base middleweights Arthur Butler and Mike Floyd each won championship trophies, and light heavy weight Benny Fields and middleweight Earl Wikerson fought exhibitions.

Butler scored the only knockout of the evening by flooring Herman Standing Soldier of Martin in 1:55 of the second round. Floyd outboxed Larry Wehrkamp of Rapid City.

Fields faced Ben One Feather of Rapid City in the first exhibition bout and Wikerson went against Bob Vogel of White River in the second.

The results of other bouts:

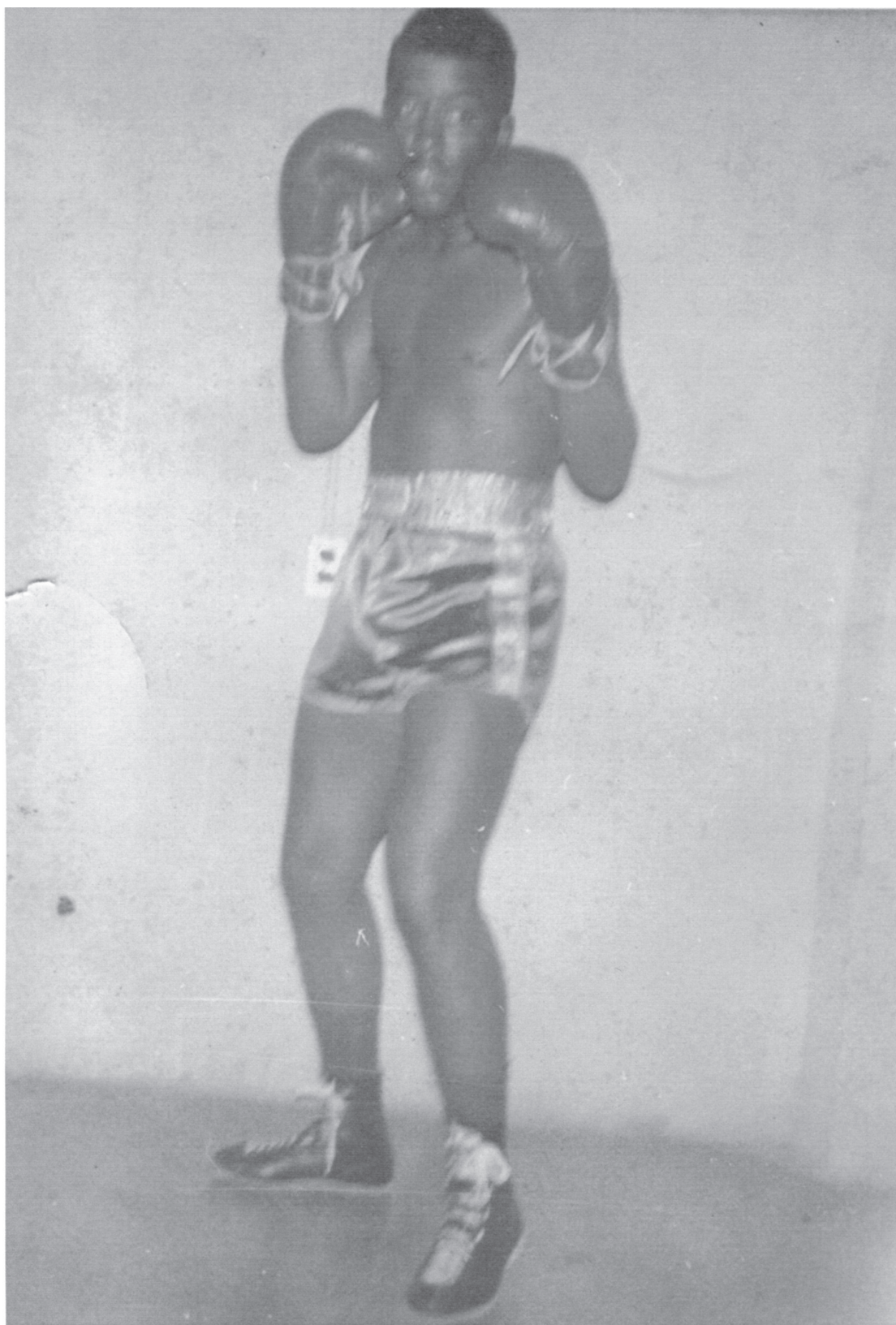
Robert Eagle (90 pounds) of Rapid City defeated Gale Horn (99) of White River.

Bob Dure (139) of Rapid City TKO'd Chester Souling Bear (133) of Martin in 29 seconds of the second round.

Windup Middleweights Mike Floyd (left) of Ellsworth and Larry Wehrkamp of Rapid City square off in their fight here Friday. Floyd won the fast-paced bout by decision of the judges. (PHOTO BY A.S.C. MIKE PEARCE)



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CLARECEE PETERS SCHELL

Clarecee Peters Schell is the older of two daughters born in Greenville County to Clarence and Jametta Peters. A lifelong teacher, mentor and friend, Clarecee Peters Schell inspired countless students to succeed. Loved and highly respected by all the individuals whose lives she touched at Washington High School, Mrs. Schell was honored with the dedication of the 1965 Falcon Year Book.



Her own educational journey began at Brutontown Elementary School. A graduate of Sterling High School, she attended North Carolina A&T College in Greensboro, North Carolina receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Home Economics. Later continuing her educational pursuits, she completed a Masters of Arts Degree in Home Economics from Columbia University in New York.

School, she served as organizer and advisor to the New Homemakers of America Club, and chaired the Senior Advisory Committee. She remained at Washington High School until it closed in 1970. A dedicated educator, Clarecee Peters Schell encouraged and supported students to experience a global world view. She retired from the Greenville County School District in 1979.

Mrs. Schell's teaching career began at Sterling High School in the field of Home Economics. In 1960, she transferred to the newly constructed Washington High School. An active faculty member at Washington High



Mrs. Schell is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, having served diligently on the Catholic Church's School Board.

Mrs. Schell's civic and community contributions have been outstanding over the years with contributions to such organizations as the American Red Cross and United Ministry. She is a Charter Member and Past President of the Epsilon Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has been a pioneer and leader in numerous service clubs and organizations throughout Greenville County and the Upstate.



Clarecee Peters Schell was married to the late Nathaniel (Nat) Schell, Jr. and the mother of one son, the late Nathaniel Schell the third, who was 1968 graduate of Washington High School. She is the proud Grandmother of two grandchildren, Khalym Sherecee Schell and Brandon N. Schell.

In a world that places a lot of value on fashion and looking good, Clarecee Peters Schell taught that "Fashion is not a price, it's a look," A look that transcends the outer garment, a look that has no price tags, a look that displays the deeper fabric of the human spirit, a spirit of good sportsmanship and a spirit that practices the golden rule.



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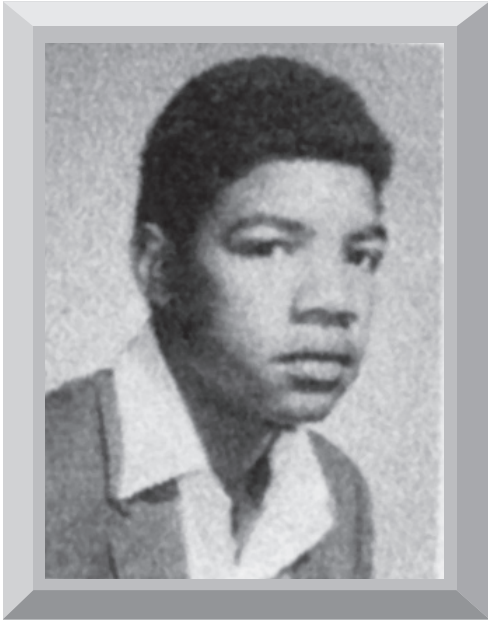
WILLIAM YATES, JR.

William Yates, Jr. was born April 28, 1951 in Greenville, SC to Johnnie Lee Calhoun and William Yates, Sr.

William began his education at St. Anthony's of Padqua. He completed 9 years of education and graduated from the eighth grade. During his years at St. Anthony's he really looked forward to finishing and attending Sterling High School, but little to his surprise they built J.E. Beck, which is where he finished his high school education.

William's mother had always told him that high school would be the years and there was alot of truth in that, but he told his mother that he wanted to attend college and her reply was, how? With a little hard work and the support of coaches, he received a four year scholarship to Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC.

He attended Livingstone College for 3 years and was drafted into military service. William spent 6 years in the U.S. Navy and was offered a bid to attend Annapolis Naval Academy. Due to personal problems he had to decline.



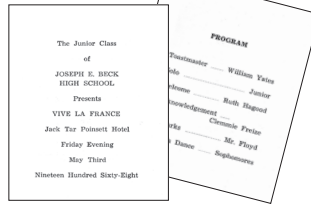
William has continued to strive for excellence and work with kids to better themselves in life. He will remain a scholar and a gentleman.

Yates Paces Beck To Win

CLINTON — Beck quarterback Billy Yates fired one touchdown pass and scored another TD as the Panthers took a 21-0 victory over Bell St. here Friday night. Yates hit Rodney Acker with a 32-yard scoring pass in the first period and then sneaked over from one-yard out for another TD. The third Sterling touchdown was scored by John Taylor on a three-yard run. Beck 7 0 14 0-21 Bell Street 0 0 0 0-0 Beck scoring: Acker, Yates, Taylor; PAT-Knuckles 3.

Beck Panthers Host Clearview

The passing combination of quarterback Billy Yates to end Rodney Acker will lead the Beck Panthers in quest of their second victory of the season Thursday night at 8 o'clock when Clearview invades Beck Stadium. The Yates-Acker duo has been one of the highlights of the young '68 grid season for the Panthers, who are 1-1-1. Beck tied its opener with Washington, 6-6, defeated Bell Street, 21-0, and dropped a 24-12 decision to Westside last week.



State Champs In Baseball
THIS IS THE state champion Libbe Base Baseball Team from Greenville. Front row: left to right: Walter Henry, Leonard Evers, Ed Tommy Jr., Terry Leon Miller, Charles P. Austin, Gregory Knuckles, Donald F. Styles. Second row: Coach Robert Browner, Willie Thompson, Alvin Louis Robinson, James E. Wilham, William S. William, Andrew C. Holmes, Michael W. Booker, Schroeder Williams, William Yates Jr., Don Samson, Coach Elma Brown. (Piedmont photo)



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1968 THE GREENVILLE NEWS, GREENVILLE, SOUT LOCALS WIN 6-0 Beck Touchdown Beats Clear View

The Beck Panthers scored a went to work led by middle lone touchdown in the first linebacker Ernest Hamilton and quarter, settled down to a tight end James Trapp. Together with defensive struggle, and whipped their mates, they held the visiting Clear View of Easley Waverly to less than 50 yards total offense. The Panthers rolled again in the third quarter but a fumble drive following a pass in by tailback Greg Knuckles at interception by defensive half, the Clear View 35 cut the drive Rod Acker, at the Panther 10. Beck, quarterback Billy Yates guided the winners downfield in nine plays and tossed two passes enroute to the score. Clear View 0 0 0 0-0 Beck 6 0 0 0-6 PAT blocked.



Beck's Clarence Whittenburg (84) moves in to recover a fumble for a touchdown after a Clear View (Easley) miscue in the backfield. (Greenville News photo by Bennie Granger)



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BECK HIGH football coach James Floyd (with hat) makes a point with senior quarterback Billy Yates (with ball) prior to yesterday afternoon's workout. Standing from

left to right are: end Clyde Mayes, halfback Randolph Clark, end Clarence Wittenberg, and end Rodney Acker. (Piedmont sports photo by Leon E. Carnes)

—COACH FLOYD RETURNS—

Beck High 'Big And Fast'

By BOB UNGERICHT
 "We have only four regulars back from last year's team which won eight, lost three and tied one, but we have some exceptionally fine sophomores and juniors, and I believe we're going to have a good season."

These were the words of veteran coach James Floyd who has spent 10 years tutoring footballers, four of them at Beck High School where he feels this could be a championship year for the Panthers.

"We play Anderson West Side on Friday the 13th of September and if we can beat them we'll have a good chance to go all the way," Floyd said.

Although this is Floyd's fourth year at Beck he "sat out" last year to pick up some administrative credits at Furman University.

But Floyd said it is nice to be back in football again at Beck. In analyzing prospects for the coming season Floyd said so far in our practice sessions we are thinking in terms of a championship.

"We'll have a big ball club, both our offensive and defensive lines will average 200 pounds, and we'll have one of the fastest teams in the state.

"Speed will be the determining factor for us. Despite the size of our line they can move and we'll have excellent speed in the backfield," Floyd said.

Returning starters from last year will be Ernest Hamilton 190-pound senior guard; Rodney Acker, 6-4, 190-pound senior end; Clarence Wittenberg, 18-pound senior end; and Bill Yates, 185-pound senior quarterback.

Floyd is exceptionally high on all four boys, but he points out that Hamilton and Acker both good students and among the top five of their class, are attracting a lot of college scouts.

Hamilton is a good linebacker and excellent blocker, while Acker has good hands and is an all-around good offensive football player, a good receiver with better than average speed.

Of his quarterback Yates the Beck coach said, "He's a good ball handler and passer and has a good head on his shoulders."

Augmenting these four returnees will be five boys from last year's Jayvees who Floyd thinks will turn out to be fine players when they get a little experience.

He's exceptionally high on three sophomores, flanker Randolph Clark, running back Gregory Knuckles, and 225-pound tackle Donald Styles.

FLOYD also has high hopes for tackle and middle guard Robert Walker, sophomore tackle James Starks, sophomore end Clyde Mayes, fullback John Taylor, defensive back James Anderson, guards Larry Allen and Marvin Cooper, and kicking specialists Gregory Williams and James Cunningham.

"Williams is our place kicker and he's the best I've seen in my 10 years of coaching, while Cunningham has been averaging over 40 yards per punt," Floyd said.

On his offensive style Floyd said, "we'll go with the wing T and I or split I and will do a lot of trapping with the guards.

"I like to pass, but it depends on the situation. We'll probably throw about 50 per cent of the time.

"With Yates we have a good passer, and in Acker, Wittenberg, Mayes and Clark we have four of the best receivers in the state," Floyd said.

He also pointed with pride to his coaching staff which is complete for the first time. "We have a fine group of coaches including Louie Golden on the line, Joseph Floyd for the

linebackers and defensive backs, Lonnie Holman, center and defensive ends, and Howard Nelson as assistant backfield coach.

Despite the lack of returning veterans Floyd feels his club will be able to go with the best of them. "If our youngsters come through as we feel they will we should have a pretty good club. It should be an interesting season," he said.

The Beck schedule is:

Aug. 30 — Washington.
 Sept. 6 — at Bell Street (Clinton); 13 — Westside (Anderson); 19 — Clearview; 27 — Sanders.

Oct. 4 — Bryson; 11 — Open; 18 — Lincoln (Taylors); 25 — Gallman.

Nov. 1 — Sterling.

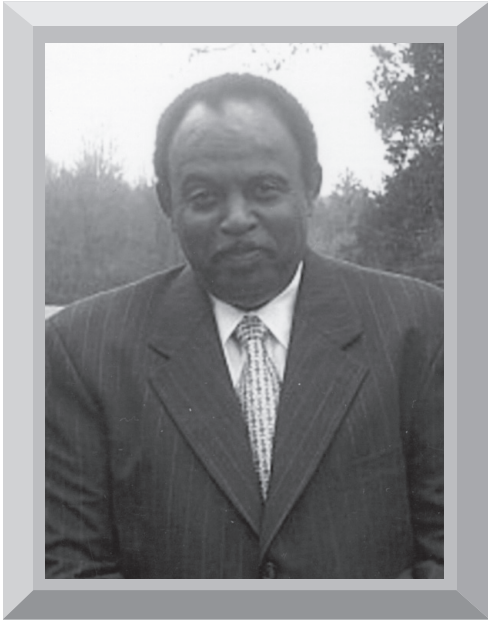
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JIMMY DAWKINS "Stringbean"

Jimmy Dawkins attended Lincoln High School and graduated in 1965. While at Bryson he played quarterback in football, guard in basketball and also ran track and did the mile and high jump.

After graduating, Harold attended Morris College in Sumter, SC.



IN COUNTY TOURNAMENT
Bryson And Lincoln In First Game Victories
By CRAIG DEANHARDT
News Sports Writer

The Bryson High Hurricanes and the Lincoln High Rattlers took opening round victories over Sanders and Washington respectively in the first Greenville County Invitational Basketball tournament here last night at Memorial Auditorium.

Lincoln opened the night with a 75-33 victory over Washington and Bryson won over Sanders 72-42 in the nightcap.

Lee Bennett, a 6-4 forward led the scoring for the Rattlers with 21 points. Jimmy Dawkins, a 6-2 forward hit 18 for the night. Gene Broadus was the third man to hit in double figures with 12.

The Rattlers led at halftime 34-18 in the free scoring affair. Washington's Willie Belton

Dawkins Goes For Basket

hit 18 and William Marion 15 to aid the loser's cause.

In the nightcap, and by far as good a game as anyone would want to see, the Hurricanes of Bryson routed the hapless Yellow Jackets from Laurens.

Ezell Sullivan and David Sharperson, the whiz kids from Bryson outplayed and out maneuvered the Sanders quintette.

Sullivan a 6-5 sophomore guard hit 13 points using Sharperson as his screen.

Sharperson, a 6-5, 160-pound junior tallied for 20. John Smith a center at 6-4 hit 17 and Johnnie Cunningham tallied 12 in pacing Bryson over Sanders.

Bryson led at halftime, 29-20. Bryson and Lincoln will meet in the championship game at 7 p. m. and Sanders will take on Washington for the consolation.

Lincoln High's Jimmy Dawkins (22) goes up for the ball in the first game of the Greenville County Invitational tournament at Memorial Auditorium last night against Sanders High. Also shown are Thomas Austin (25) and Gene Broadus (34) of Lincoln and Willie Belton (23) and Devlin of Washington. (News-Piedmont sports photo by [unreadable]).



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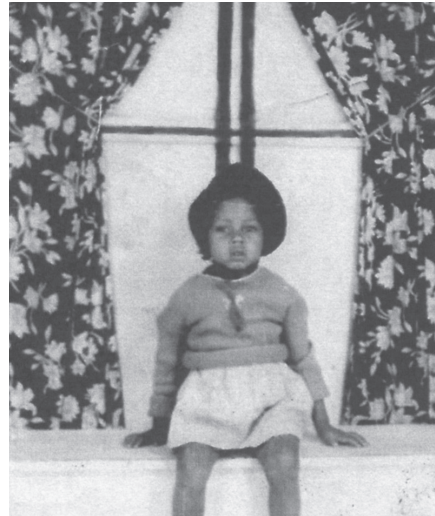
BARBARA D. JOHNSON



Barbara Durham Johnson was born in Woodruff, SC to the late Theodore Durham and the late Emm Davis Durham. She attended New Bethel Elementary School in Woodruff. She moved to Simpsonville in the eighth grade and attended Fountain Inn High School. In the tenth grade she attended the New Bryson High School. Her activities at Bryson included the camera club, senior class assistant secretary and girls varsity basketball team. She played basketball under Mrs. Adams and the legendary A.C. Duckett. Under his tutelage Barbara was known as the first female to make jumpshots in the Greenville area. Barbara was married to the late Minnie Johnson Jr. She is the mother of three children. She was employed at Hochest Celanese



for twenty one years. Barbara is now retired and enjoys working with flowers, cooking big family dinners and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Barbara is a member of the womens missionary and usher board at New Liberty Baptist Church. She also volunteers time to deliver meals on wheels.

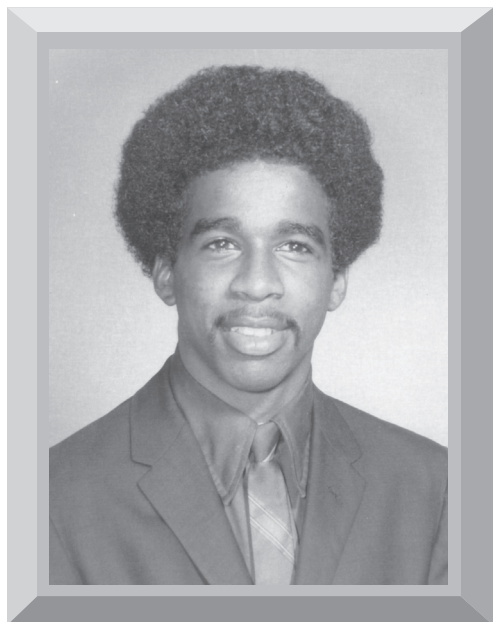


—The Greenville News — Wednesday, March 27, 1974



SPARTAN POSSESSION—Peggy Harbin (22) of Spartan Leasing controls the ball during her team's game with Fiber Industries Tuesday in girls' action at the opening round of the 51st Annual Southern Textile Basketball Tournament. Behind her is Fibers' Barbara Johnson (13) and teammate Denice Manney (15).

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GREGORY THOMAS KNUCKLES "Bear"

Gregory T. Knuckles, better known as "Bear" was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina. Gregory was born to John Hayward Knuckles and Bobbie Louise Knuckles. Gregory is the eldest of two siblings, Steve and Jack Knuckles. Gregory is the father of six children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.



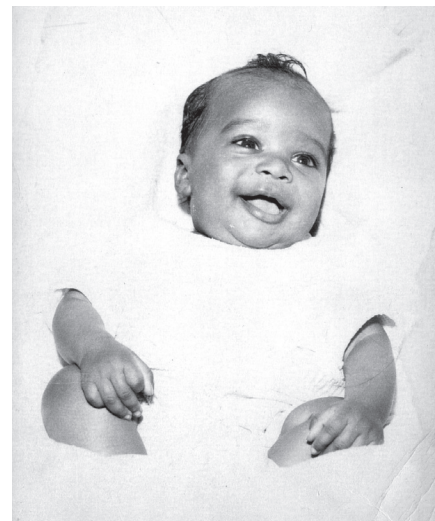
Gregory "Bear" attended Nicholtown and Gower Street Elementary Schools. While attending Gower Street Elementary, "Bear" first became acquainted with organized sports. Mr. Ray Nance was his first Coach and introduced him to baseball. Mr. Ray Nance and Bert Miller taught him every aspect of the game. Greg took that knowledge and umpired the Dolton Baseball team in Dolton, Illinois where he now resides. Rev. Adair introduced him to Basketball. After school, "Bear" would play at Philly Sweetly Center on McBee Avenue. Mr.

Leroy Griggs, Mr. Furman Hill, "Frisco", "Alonzo", and Hard Times" in also acknowledged for Fast Pitch Softball. He is so grateful for being allowed to play in Fieldcrest Village.

Upon graduating from elementary school, "Bear" attended Joseph E. Beck High School where he participated in Basketball and Football. Sincere gratitude goes out to Michael Booker, Pedro and Pop Davis, Terry Miller, "JoJo", Coaches Elmo Brown, James T. Floyd, and Louie Golden, and all of my teammates who helped to shape his athletic career while attending J.E. Beck High School. The "Best Defense" was awarded to "Bear" for his basketball abilities. In 1970, "Bear" graduated from J. L. Mann High School with a Joseph E. Beck diploma.

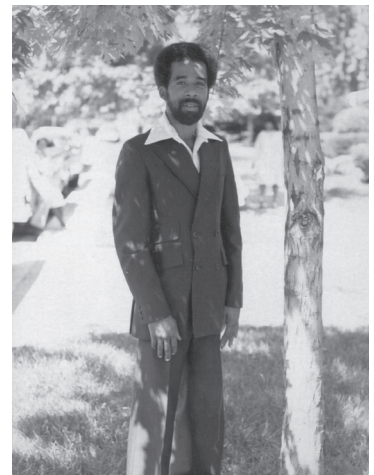
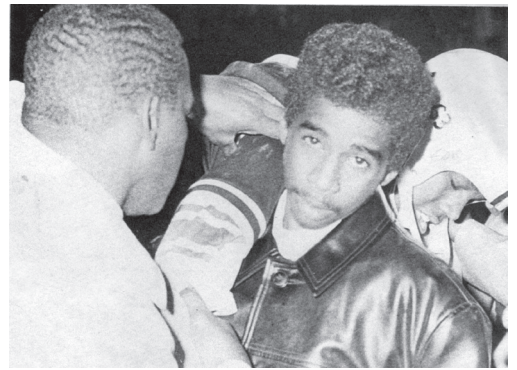
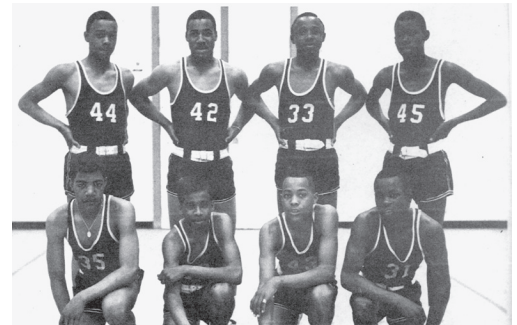
Upon graduation from High School, "Bear" enlisted in the United States Army. He served two years as an artillery repairman. When his tour of duty was over, "Bear" migrated to New Jersey where he as employed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ha later relocated to Chicago, III. where he was employed by the City of Chicago at Kennedy King College. Gregory is presently employed by the Dolton Park District as a Park Forman, which he has held for the past 10 years.

"This Induction into the Piedmont Athletic Hall of Fame is dedicated to my grandmother, Mrs. Loretta Medlock. Thanks grandmother for coming to all my games and allowing me to play even though you thought me a little too small but always cheering me on and encouraging me to do my best. I don't know what I would have done or become without your love, encouragement, sacrifice, and devotion. You truly instilled good sportsmanship, spiritual values, and mother within me."

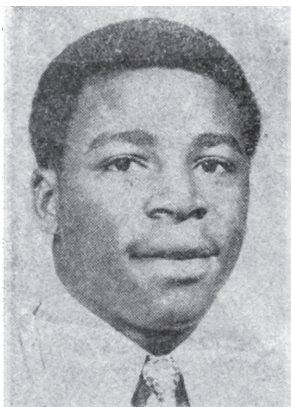


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ERNEST HAMILTON



Hamilton Outstanding Athlete At Beck High

ERNEST HAMILTON, Beck High School's outstanding athlete for 1969, was selected for his performances in three varsity sports: football, basketball, and track.

Beck Coach James Floyd said, "Ernest played offensive guard on the football team, and for this position showed exceptional speed. He also played defense as a linebacker.

"For his vicious play on both defense and offense he received numerous offers from colleges and universities, including Purdue, Indiana, Kansas, Furman, Michigan State, and many others. He accepted a scholarship to Michigan State, and I feel that he will do well."

Beck Star Is Captain

Ernest Hamilton, a former Beck High School football standout, has worked his way into the defensive starting lineup for the Michigan State Spartans and will serve tomorrow as defensive captain of the club despite being only a sophomore.

Hamilton, 6-0, 206 pounds, was moved to middle guard two weeks ago for his first starting assignment as a Spartan and has developed into such a sparkplug the team voted him a co-captain for this week's regional televised game.

In his first starting assignment two weeks ago against Iowa, Hamilton was credited with 10 tackles. Last week against Indiana, he had 12 individual tackles and assisted on others. In four of his tackles he threw the Hoosiers' ball carrier for a total of 22 yards lost.

Despite his lack of size, he makes up for this disadvantage with speed and mobility. He has a natural football instinct which puts him at the right place at the right time.

He is a liberal arts major at Michigan State. At Beck he not only was a standout on the football field but also a standout in the classroom, maintaining a B average.



MSU Signs Hamilton

Michigan State, which nabbed George Webster (Westside of Anderson), Jim Summers (Wilkinson of Orangeburg) and Tommy Love (Sylva-Webster of Sylva, N. C.) in recent years, signed Beck High star Ernest Hamilton to a grid grant-in-aid a couple of weeks ago.

Hamilton, 6-1, 190 pounds, is an offensive guard and linebacker. He is most noted for his latter ability.

Former Beck Grid Star Now Spartan Standout

Special To The News

At 6-0 and 197 pounds, former Beck High standout Ernest Hamilton may be the smallest middle guard in the country, but the hustling sophomore has been standing tall during Michigan State's resurgence to football power this fall.

Hamilton moved in to the Spartan starting lineup four weeks ago when State was in the clutches of a three-game losing streak. Since that time, Duffy Daugherty's troops have rebounded with three straight wins, to post a 4-4 record.

Actually, 6-7 and 267 pound Jim Nicholson started the Iowa game, but Hamilton replaced him on the second series of downs and responded with five solo tackles and five assist to pace the MSU defenders. Through the first half of the Spartan schedule, he had only gotten two solo shots and two assist, but since getting his chance to play, he hasn't been out yet.

Hamilton, a liberal arts major who posted a B average last year, accumulated honors both on and off the field at Beck. He was president of the student body for two years and captained the football team for two years as an offensive guard and a defensive linebacker.

Playing for coach James Floyd, he was named the outstanding player on the football squad. He also played forward on the basketball

team which was AAA state champion with a 23-0 record, and he set a school mark of 50.9 in the 440-yard dash while competing in track.

It is that speed, combined with his overall quickness, that caused Daugherty to compare Hamilton with former Spartan All-American Don Coleman, although Coleman was an offensive guard.

"Ernie has that same quickness that Don had," Daugherty said after the Iowa game. "It's something you can't coach in a player. If you try to tell someone like Ernie to stay in their area and play it cool, they'll get burned. We just turn him loose and say 'go get em'."

Hamilton, who never played middle guard before, has progressed rapidly since being moved to the spot. He was high man in tackles and at getting to the opposing quarterback in the first two games he played, and his teammates responded by naming him defensive captain for the Purdue game. The honor is a rare one for a sophomore.

"I've always played linebacker up until this year and would prefer to play there," says Hamilton. "But if I can help the team on the line I'll play there. I know my size is a handicap, but I've got a pretty good forearm which lets the offensive man know I'm there."

Hamilton's play, and the turnabout of the MSU team on the field, is a major reason "Dump Duffy" signs that appeared on the East Lansing campus earlier this year have disappeared.



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—News photo by Richard L. Williams
BECK'S ERNEST HAMILTON IN ACTION
... On Last Leg Of Mile Relay In GCITM



Ernest "Bonecrusher" Hamilton - an experienced and fierce linesman.



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Quick Ernie Hamilton All-America Prospect

EAST LANSING, Mich. — It's been said since early fall practices got under way that defense was to be the name of the game for Michigan State this fall. So far that's been pretty much the case and perhaps the best reason for the theory is Greenville's Ernie Hamilton, a speedy middle guard.

HAMILTON is only a junior, yet many Michigan State followers mention him as a possible All-America candidate.

Along with Ron Curl, Brad VanPelt and Ron Joseph, Hamilton leads a defense that has been equally stingy against the pass and the run.

"ERNE could be the quickest lineman in the conference," says line coach George Perles. "We try not to tie him up and let him use his ability. He's incredibly fast."

Ernie is battling back from a shoulder separation injury in spring drills which required surgery, but that great speed and instinct hasn't been lessened in the least.

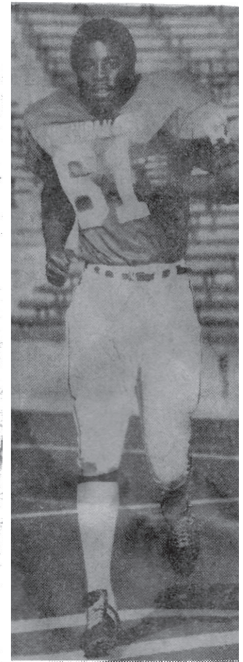
Perles, a letter-winning lineman for the Spartans in the late 50s isn't alone in his sentiments.

HE WAS an MVP choice for Beck High School in his school boy days and served as the student body president twice.

"Ernie is one of the best men we've ever had at State," reports Coach Duffy Daugherty. "He was in on 31 tackles, (high for the team), 20 of them solo, through our first two games. That shows how valuable he is."

A mature, level-headed gentleman, Ernie worked with young people in the Lansing Model Cities Program over the past summer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, 527 Glenn Road, Greenville.



ERNIE HAMILTON
All-America Prospect



SPARTAN GRIDDER — Former J. E. Beck prep football standout has been named to Michigan State's traveling squad. The 6-0, 202-pound sophomore defensive end has moved into the Spartans' No. 2 defensive team and has been praised by head coach Duffy Daugherty for impressive performances in Spartan scrimmages. A liberal arts major, Hamilton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hamilton of 527 Glenn Road, Greenville.



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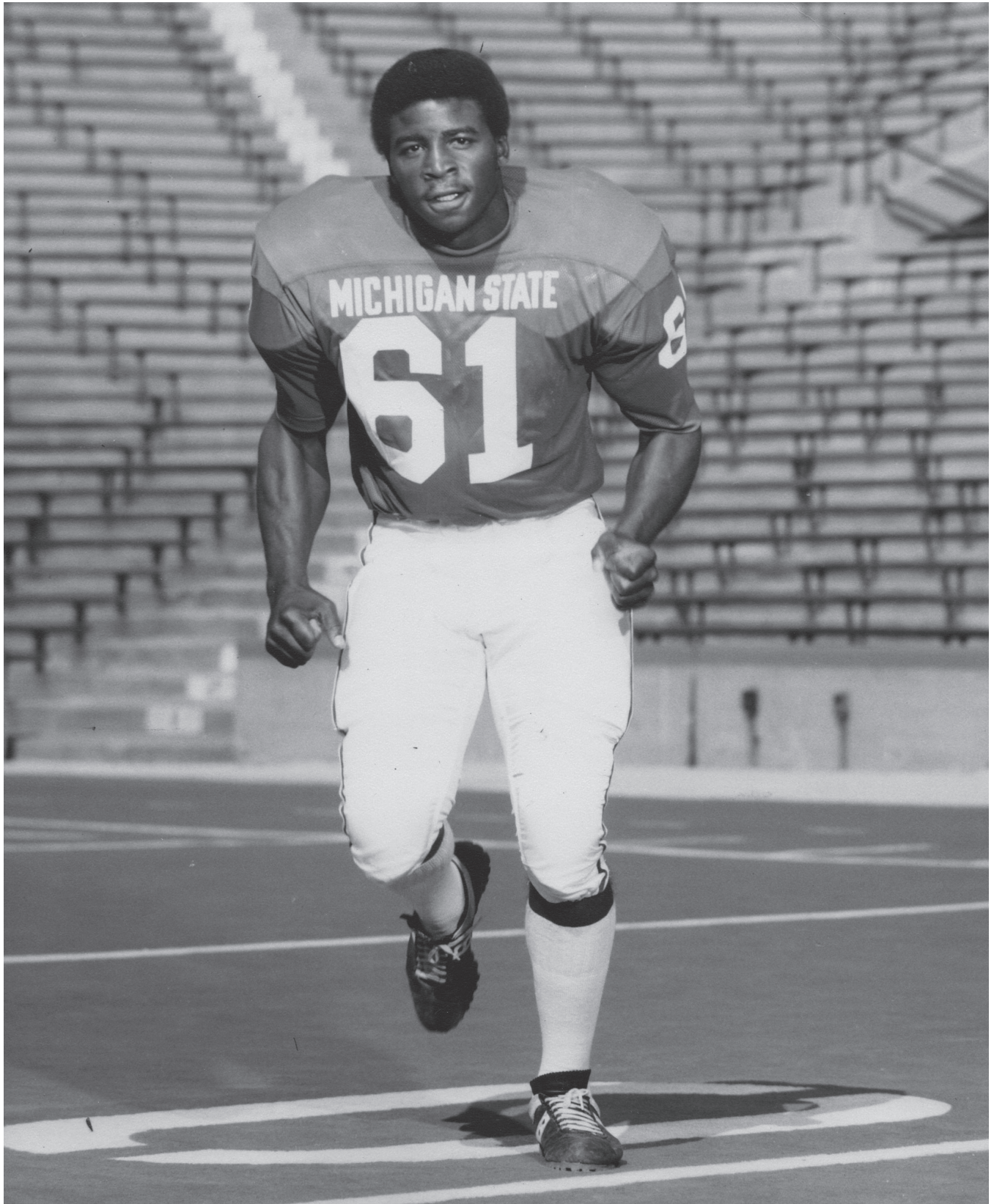
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UPI's All Big-Ten Team

CHICAGO (UPI)—The 1971 United Press International All Big Ten football team:

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The PAA Story: What a Great Idea

In 1970, for the most part all of the five black high schools were closed as high schools in Greenville county. Progress in moving toward better education also left an empty place in the memories and hearts of those that grew up in that era and attended those schools.



THE FIRST CLASS

Years later the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 1972. Great athletes from around the state were selected and inducted into the Hall of Fame. After a few years the question was asked...why are there not more athletes and coaches from the upstate considered for induction into the Hall of Fame? People like Bill Thompson, Ernie Brock, Coach Joe Mathis and so forth.

That question led to another question of why can't we create a hall of fame that would embrace the Upstate's athletic programs and recognize with dignity, glamour and prestige, those athletes and coaches who are so deserving?

That question became an idea. From that idea came a purpose. Alumni from Sterling, Bryson, Beck, Lincoln and Washington High were called together. From the moment anyone hear this idea and purpose, they would say that this is something great. After a number of noon day lunch meetings at the Ramada on Church Street, late night telephone conferences with many people; another meeting was held in the latter part of 1991 at Phyllis Weatley Center. A representative from each school was present.

There, at the meeting, the final question was asked and answered. What will we call this Hall of Fame that would embrace all the schools and it's area of interest. Mr. Carol Hill (Bryson High) said "The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame".

The rest, as they say, is History. Clyde Mayes was made Executive Director and following the first class of inductees in 1992, Clyde spent the next two years organizing the PAA's structure and building a formulation for perpetual existence:

- ◆ Articles of incorporation and by laws
- ◆ Registration with the Secretary of State office
- ◆ Tax status under 501(C)(3)
- ◆ Creation of Hall of Fame logo, symbol and stationary
- ◆ Scholarship program guidelines and criteria

With the organization structurally in place Mr. Emanuel Sullivan became the PAA Hall of Fame second Executive Director in 1995. Emanuel added present day community sports programs to the PAA's agenda; (1) High School Basketball Player of the Week; (2) County Basketball All Star Game; (3) Membership Appreciation Night; and (4) the including of Women Athletes for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Over the past 20 years seven coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Clyde Mayes administration and presently 164 coaches, players and supporters have been inducted under the Emanuel Sullivan administration.

Forever thankful, the PAA is mindful of the public support the people of the Upstate has given the Hall of Fame. This did turn out to be a good idea and a lot of fun.



THE SECOND CLASS



Mr. Carol Hill

Mr. Carol Hill put together the very first meeting of The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame at The Ramada Hotel, 1001 Church Street, Greenville, SC. The following people were present:

Dr. E.D. Dixon*	Mr. Sam Zimmerman, Sr.*
Coach A.C. Duckett*	Mr. Wilfred Walker
Rev. J.D. Mathis*	Mr. Charles Gardner
Mr. Louie Golden	Attorney Ernest Hamilton
Mr. James Floyd	Mr. Carol Hill

*Deceased

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Brice B. Durbin
Executive Director
NATIONAL FEDERATION

July 23, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

On behalf of the National Federation of State High School Associations and its National High School Sports Hall of Fame, we offer our congratulations to your first class of inductees into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Our congratulations to Louie Golden, Al Duckett, Thomas "Sporty" Williams, Rev. J.D. Mathis, James T. Floyd, Eddie Jones and Dewey Tullis for their accomplishments and contributions to high school coaching.

I applaud your efforts in launching the Piedmont Hall of Fame as a way of recognizing outstanding coaches and educators in Greenville County, South Carolina. I wish you the best in the years to come as you continue to salute additional worthy individuals.

If there is ever anything I can do to assist you from a national perspective, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce L. Howard
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Hall of Fame Director

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July 31, 1992

Mr. Eddie Jones
5 French Lane
Greenville, South Carolina 29603

Dear Mr. Jones:

I saw in the newspaper where you have been inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations.

I am sure you must know that your teaching and coaching career has made a difference in people's lives. Your dedication to our young people is appreciated by many folks in our area.

Best wishes to you. Please let me know if there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you.

Cordially,

Liz Patterson
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July 17, 1992

Mr. Thomas W. Williams
1002 Diggs Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31906

Dear Thomas:

I read with great interest your induction into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is a great honor and one I know you are extremely proud of. I would like to extend my congratulations to you for this honor and for what you have done to improve athletics in South Carolina. It is always good to recognize outstanding gentlemen and coaches for the positive input they have made on so many young people. Your guidance and leadership will never be forgotten by these athletes.

Again, congratulations for receiving this most deserved honor.

If I may ever be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Matthews
Ronnie Matthews
Assistant Executive Director

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South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame

July 31, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P. O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

We would like to congratulate the inductees recently inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is indeed a tremendous honor to be recognized for accomplishments in sports and the many contributions these individuals have made to the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Grant Bennett
Grant Bennett
President

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❖ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ❖



Scholarships pay tribute to history

Awards celebrate memory of city's black high schools

By Bob Castello
STAFF WRITER
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Ernie Hamilton and his peers want more than just to remember Greenville's black high schools. They want reminders of what made those schools special.

Thus, the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame's annual scholarships have been named in honor of the five schools.

"We're joining the past with the present — and we're having fun doing it," said Hamilton, a member of the PAA's board of directors and the executive director of the Hall of Fame.

Each year since 1996, the PAA has provided scholarships for Greenville County student-athletes. Beginning this year, the scholarships are named in honor of Sterling, Bryson, Lincoln, Washington and Beck high schools.

"It forces us to come up with enough money for at least five scholarships," Hamilton said. "In the past, the number depended on how much money we got.

"It opens up a lot of things for us, as far as a reason you would give. You would give to help a young student, while at the same time keeping the legacy of (the black schools) alive."

This year, in addition, the PAA received a corporate donation from Wal-Mart to fund a sixth scholarship.

As for those named for the former black schools, Hamilton said the students help to recall the schools on an individual basis.

2008 PAA SCHOLARSHIPS

- Beck High School Panthers Scholarship: T.C. McGreen, Travelers Rest (two letters in basketball, one in football, one in band; plans to attend South Carolina State University)
- Lincoln High Rattlers Scholarship: Courtney Croft, Wade Hampton (four letters in football; plans to attend Benedict College)
- Washington High School Falcons Scholarship: Karman Gaffney, Greer (two letters in basketball; plans to attend Johnson C. Smith University)
- Sterling High School Tigers Scholarship: Lakia Mansell, Southside (four letters in basketball, four in track; plans to attend Claflin University)
- Bryson High School Hurricanes Scholarship: Alex Jamison, Hillcrest (three letters in football, two in track; plans to attend South Carolina State University)
- Wal-Mart Scholarship: Taylor Payne, Riverside (four letters in basketball; plans to attend Harding University in Searcy, Ark.)

"They represent the school," he said. "The student had the same 'stick-to-it-iveness,' ambition and desire and has overcome adversities.

"We get the info from the application, and we can say, 'We've had kids just like that at Beck, or at Lincoln, or at Sterling.' We can say, 'We've had a basketball player who had three letters and a desire to go to dental school.'"

Hamilton said the PAA also is excited about the fact it's approaching 100 scholarships awarded.

With this year's group, the PAA has donated 96 scholarships and more than \$70,000 to Greenville County student-athletes.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Scholarship Award is set up to fill a needed void between the good high school players who played a big supporting role in most cases for their gifted teammates that get the full scholarships to colleges. Secondly, this type of grant encourages high school students to participate in athletics, to excel in class, to go to college. This unique scholarship awards athletic performance and class work. The criteria is that a student must have earned two letters in one or a single letter in a combination of two or more varsity sports and did not get a full scholarship, yet did enroll in a college after high school.

Funds for the scholarship award program are set aside yearly by the Board of Directors from our different fundraisers...ie, donations, membership dues, Senior Showcase Games proceeds and Banquet proceeds of the PAA's General fund. As can be expected, the number and amount of the awards are made possible by the availability of funds. To date the PAA scholarship award program has awarded over \$100,000.00 to Greenville county students. For the most part, most of the students enrolled into instate colleges.

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Corey Boggin	Riverside High School	Greenville Tec. College
	1997	
Terry Young	Travelers Rest High School	Benedict College
	1998	
William C. Staggs	Blue Ridge High School	USC-Spartanburg
LaShanda Maxwell	Carolina High School	Denmark Tec. College
Andre' D. Brantley	Wade Hampton High School	Benedict College
	1999	
Christopher H. Harvey	Blue Ridge High School	North Greenville College
Lakia N. Griffin	Greer High School	USC-Spartanburg
Adrian M. Harris	Hillcrest High School	Newberry College
Lynatte N. Jackson	Travelers Rest High School	Charleston Southern Uni.
Maya N. Grady	Greer High School	Lenior-Rhyne College
Latonya N. Davis	Hillcrest High School	Berea College
Michilla L. Jackson	Carolina High School	Anderson College
	2000	
Roderick Henderson	J.L. Mann High School	Wingate College
Charles Clark	Southside High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
John Phelps	Hillcrest High School	Voorhees College
Erie Williams	Greer High School	Wingate College
Craig Johnson	Greer High School	Greenville Tec. College
Barney Jackson	Berea High School	Pikeville College
David Little	Wade Hampton High School	North Greenville College
Demetrius Pepper	Greenville High School	Morris College
Kevin Allen	Carolina High School	Mars Hill College
Karen Hunt	Southside High School	Hiwassee College
La'trese Davis	Hillcrest High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
C.W. Bankhead	Mauldin High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
Natasha Morgan	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University
Autumn Skelton	Greenville High School	Francis Marion College
Mathew Chasteen	Woodmont High School	Pfeiffer College
Veronica Thompson	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University
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Charlena Martin	Berea High School	Walter State Community College
Samuel Mattison	Wade Hampton High School	Brevard College
Charity Williams	Greer High School	Winthrop University
Clayton Smith	Woodmont High School	North Greenville College
Tiffany Jones	Hillcrest High School	University of South Carolina
Jamario Twitty	Berea High School	Clemson University
Brandon Smith	Wade Hampton High School	University of South Carolina
Rodney Taylor	Carolina High School	South Carolina State University

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

2001 Continued

Jauron Martin
 Stacey Mars
 Danielle Welborn
 Lakita Backum
 Melissa Griffin
 Herbert Brooks Jr.
 Samuel Brown
 Jada Blakely
 Jada Sullivan
 Crystal Pyles
 Barry Wilder
 Darin Jenkins
 Ryan Hamilton
 Erie Williams

Woodmont High School
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 Southside High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Carolina High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Eastside High School
 Carolina High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Greer High School

Berea College
 Erskine College
 North Greenville College
 Greensboro College
 Greenville Technical College
 East Tennessee State University
 University of South Carolina
 South Carolina State University
 U.S.C. Spartanburg
 U.S.C. Spartanburg
 University of South Carolina
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Wake Forrest University
 Wingate University

2002

David Gibson
 Edward Strange
 Maurice Brockington
 Nakisha Bennett
 Travis Irby
 Tivarius Thompson
 Timothy Carson
 Jarvis Robinson
 Martin Vernon
 John Lawton
 Travis Hawthorne
 Kimberly Jamieson
 Brandon Thomason
 Michael Brockman, Jr.
 Princess Putman

Southside High School
 Travelers Rest High School
 Riverside High School
 Greenville High School
 Hillcrest High School
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 Travelers Rest High School
 Mauldin High School
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 Hillcrest High School

Antoine Freeman
 Chinessia Lee
 Jonathan Jones
 Tiffany T. Jones
 Kelly Westermeier
 Benjamin Bailly

Amanda McKinney
 Arthur Sitton

Nakiy Gardner
 Jonathan Lee
 Morgan McCain
 Jarvis Pickering
 Shadae Thompson

2004

Allen University
 Lander University
 S.C. State
 Limestone College
 Clemson University
 North Greenville College

2005

Southside High School
 Greer High School

2006

Southside High School
 Carolina High School
 Mauldin High School
 Southside High School
 Greenville High School

2003

Brittany Whitaker
 Julian Swinger
 Koyett Miles
 Zachary Grant
 Victor Duck
 Bobby Downs
 Travis Morris
 Jonathon Jackson
 Margaret Williams
 Brandon Williams
 Lisa Jackson

Blue Ridge High School
 Carolina High School
 Southside High School
 Eastside High School
 Eastside High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Berea High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Blue Ridge High School
 Southside High School
 Riverside High School

Amber Joy Ryals

T.C. McGreen
 Courtney Croft
 Karman Gaffney
 Lakia Mansell
 Alex Jamison
 Taylor Payne

Bradford Hamilton
 Keema Blakney

2007

Southern Wesleyan University \$1,000.00

2008

Travelers Rest High School
 Wade Hampton High School
 Greer High School
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2009

Eastside High School
 Southside High School

2010

Lauren Brailsford
 Chauncey Mattei
 Deonte Cargild
 Douglas Mack
 John Clark
 Sharonda Tate

Riverside High School
 Greenville High School
 Greer High School
 Greer High School
 Southside High School
 Riverside High School

Coker College
 Newberry College
 Coastal Carolina University
 Benedict College
 North Greenville University
 Spartanburg Methodist

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1999 High School
All-Star Game



Hillcrest



Riverside



Berea



Eastside



Woodmont



J.L. Mann



Southside



Christ Church



Wade Hampton



Mauldin



Greer



Carolina



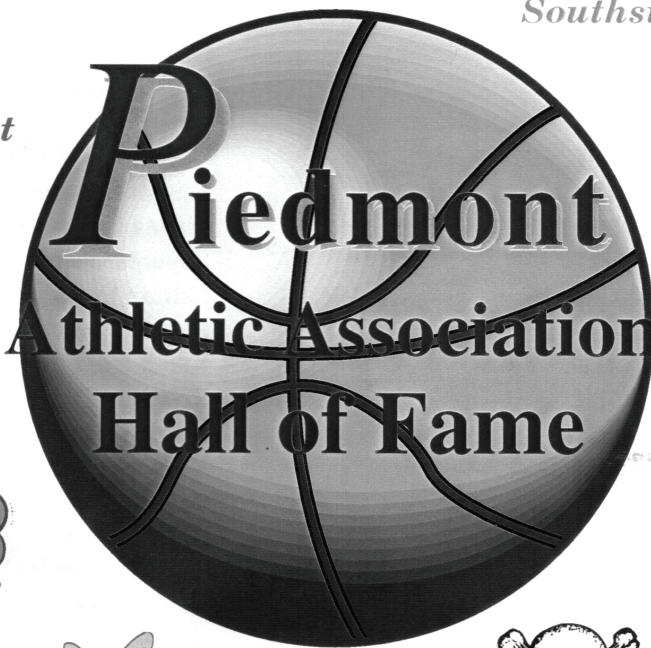
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East vs. West

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SENIOR SHOWCASE TEAMS

1996 TEAMS



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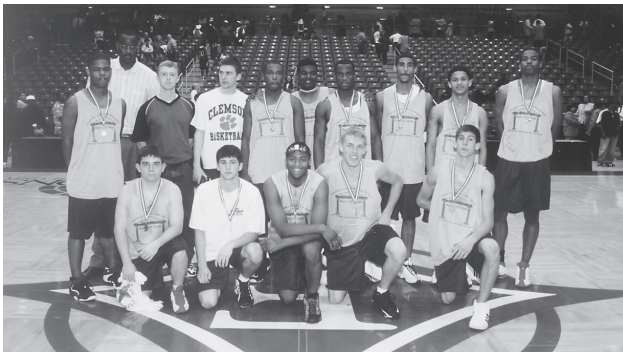
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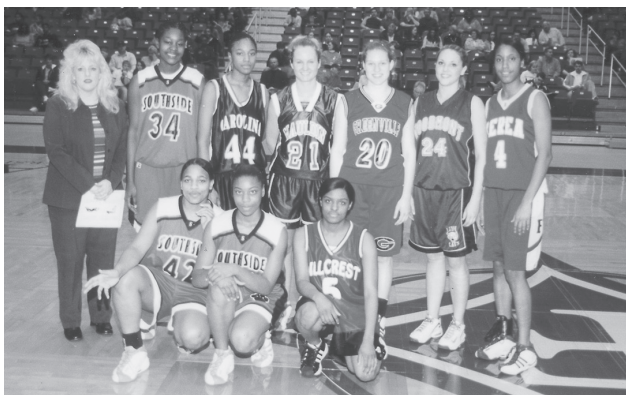
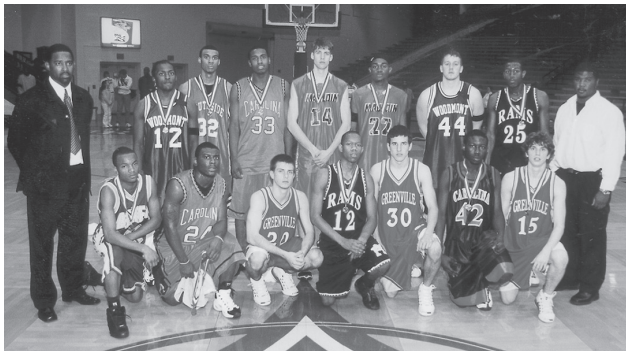
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SENIOR SHOWCASE TEAMS

2003 TEAMS



2007 TEAMS



2010 TEAMS



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Est. 1965 thru 1970

The former High School is now
Beck Middle School
The Academy of Languages

The Black and Gold Panthers
School's Motto:
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Beck High Panthers

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CLARENCE WHITTENBERG



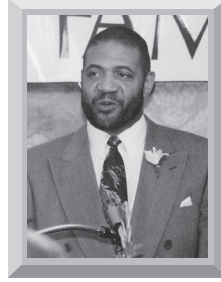
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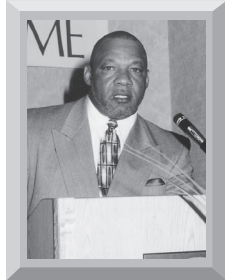
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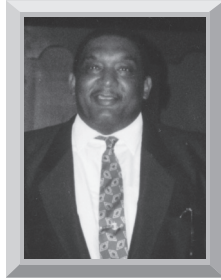
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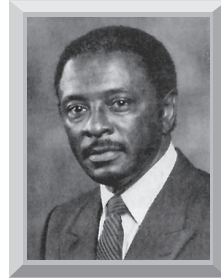
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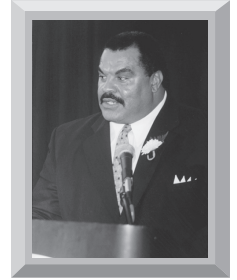
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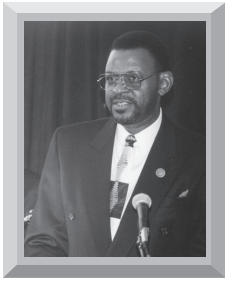
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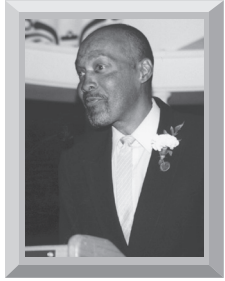
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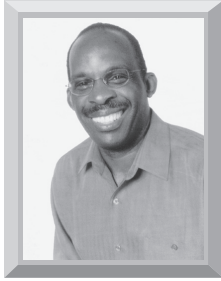
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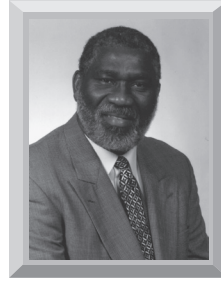
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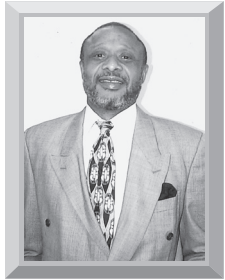
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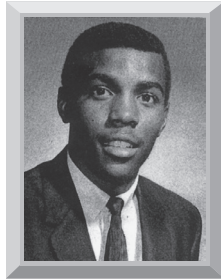
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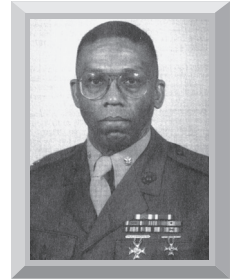
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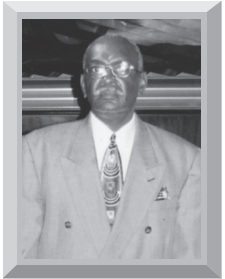
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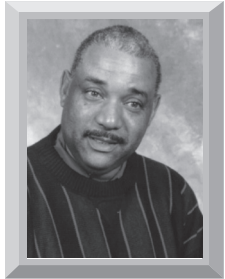
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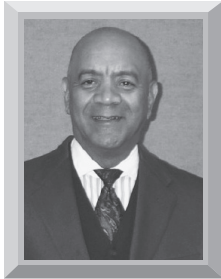
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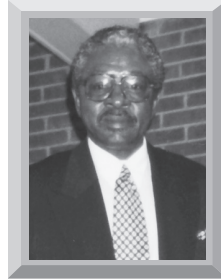
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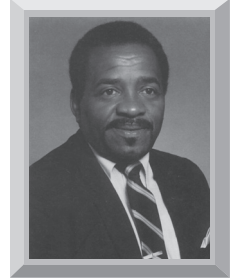
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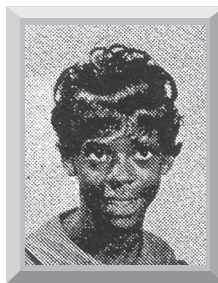
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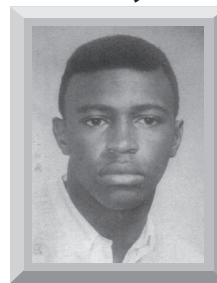
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BECK HIGH SCHOOL



A History of Joseph E. Beck High School

1965-1969

On March 12, 1963, the Board of Trustees of the School District of Greenville County approved a site upon which was to be built a new school called the Nicholtown Junior-Senior High School. The

site included twenty-six acres of land in the Green Forest Park area along McAlister Road and was to be purchased from the city of Greenville for the amount of \$75,000.

There were several reasons why Greenville County needed this new school. First of all, the site of the plant was located in the most thickly populated Negro section of Greenville, which at that time had no junior-senior high school in the community. Secondly, Sterling High School was operating on double and triple sessions and was badly in need of relief. Thirdly, the entire Nicholtown area was steadily increasing in population, and future need would increase the demands for a new school. Finally, a school was needed specifically to take care of students in the Nicholtown, Allen, Backer's Chapel, Roosevelt, and Fieldcrest areas of Greenville.

After a building committee was set up and the final plans for the school were approved, the contract to build the new plant was given to the Triangle Construction Company. In a meeting on November 10, 1964, the Board of Trustees of the Greenville County Schools voted to change the name of the new school from Nicholtown Junior-Senior High School to Joseph E. Beck High School in honor of the late Mr. Joseph Elbert Beck. Mr. Beck was an African-American educator who had spent thirty years in Greenville County school work including serving as principal of Sterling High School for twenty-one years.

The Joseph E. Beck High School was occupied for the first time in August of 1965. The new building's construction had cost \$1,425,715.65 and equipping the school brought the figure up to \$1,584,846.75. The McPherson Company served as the architect in the project.

The plant consisted of forty classrooms, library for 120 students, vocational shop complex, a 600 seat auditorium, science laboratories for science and home economics. The band, choral, and art departments were housed in areas that did not interfere with regular class activities. The gymnasium, which seated approximately 1500 people, was provided with an electrically operated panel that could divide the gym into two separate areas.

The principal chosen to lead Beck High School was Mr. Lemmon A Stevenson. His assistant was Mr. Albert A. Richburg, and the services of Mrs. Nancy G. Griggs were secured for the position of dean in charge of guidance.



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Although Beck was built to serve at least a thousand students, only 700 were expected during the first year. However, almost all of that one thousand students came that first year, and in the following years there were never less than that number. The first faculty consisted of thirty-nine teachers, but due to a consistently high enrollment, the number was increased in following years. J.E. Beck High School had a total of 253 graduates: twenty-eight the first year, 105 the second, and 120 in 1968.

A student council functioned as the parent club of the school. Its first action was to adopt a school motto (“Service, Simplicity, Sincerity”), colors (black and gold), and an alma mater. The council also produced a student handbook containing rules, guidance, and activities for the student body. Other products of the active council was a monitoring system, clean-up plans, an annual homecoming festivity, and charters for various clubs and organizations within the school.



A school choir began at Beck in 1965, and the Beck High School Band had its beginnings in 1966 under the direction of Mr. J. A. Devore. The first band had sixty members, but the following year it doubled in size and became known as the “Marching 12.” During its brief history, the band won top honors in several contests and festivals and it was the first organization to bring a trophy into the school.

During the 1965-1966 school year Beck High School had both a football and basketball team. The next year track and baseball were added, and in the 1967-1968 school year two junior varsity teams began in basketball and football. Beck participated as a AAA conference school in 1968 with its basketball team that year becoming the Class AAA State Runner-up team.

The Panther, Beck’s yearbook, was published in the spring of 1966. It continued during the following years under the leadership of various faculty members and student staffs. In 1968 the school added a completely equipped dark room and developing lab to its facilities. This was a great advantage to the yearbook staff since the audiovisuals director of Beck was engaged to take and develop all the pictures to be used for the yearbook.

J. E. Beck High School was always a forward looking institution, seeking to improve the quality and the quantity of the education available for its students. Each year there were improvements made in the school’s facilities and in the courses offered. In its second year, Beck added for its students courses in band, art, auto mechanics, masonry, industrial art, trigonometry, shorthand, comparative government, advanced typing, and advanced cosmetology. In the 1967-1968 school year, Beck began offering a program in health education led by the school nurse. Further additions included courses in Spanish, business math, economics, and journalism. Later courses were added in developmental and remedial reading, driver education, office practice, speech, sociology, string music, advanced French and Spanish, business math, economics, and journalism.

During this time, school accreditation was not the only thought in the minds of the faculty and administration of Beck. They were becoming aware of national and local concern over the problem of school integration. Before 1967-1968 there were no white personnel at Beck. Preferring to achieve integration on a voluntary basis, Beck’s staff began working toward another goal - integration of school personnel. In the fall of 1967, a part-time school nurse who was white was employed. In February of 1968 a white social studies teacher was added. Then, in the fall of 1968, Beck’s staff included eleven white persons, all of who were employed before district pressures were placed on schools to have them integrate their faculties. This achievement was the outstanding one in the integration of school faculties in the state of South Carolina.

Beck’s history was relatively short, having seen only four years of operation, but the advances the school made in its educational program and in the programs of the district and the state in such a short time had been remarkable.

If past performance and effort could have been continued within the school and coupled by full administrative and financial support from the School District of Greenville County, Joseph E. Beck High School could not help but have become one of the outstanding high schools of South Carolina.



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The former High School is now
Washington Center

The Blue and Red Falcons



Washington High Falcons

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ALFRED LEAMON



EDDIE JONES



MARY ANN BROOKS



ROSALIND G. BRYANT



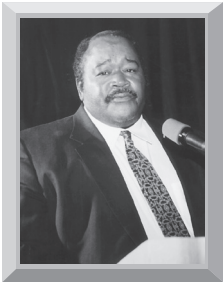
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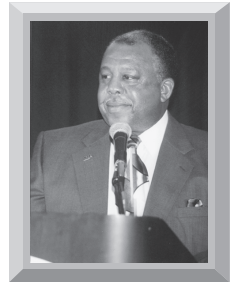
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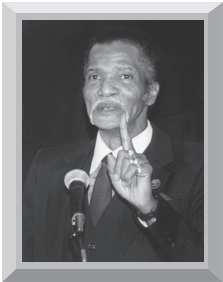
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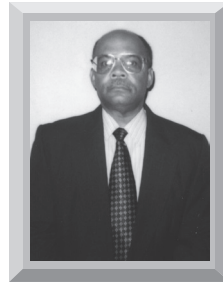
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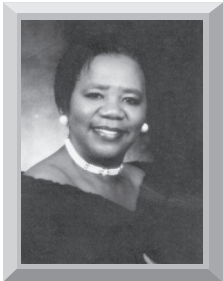
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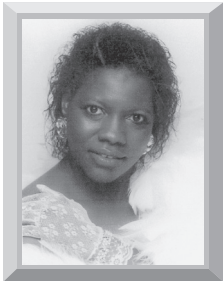
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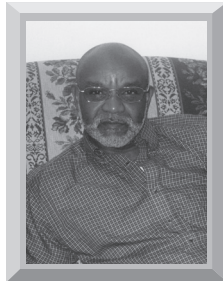
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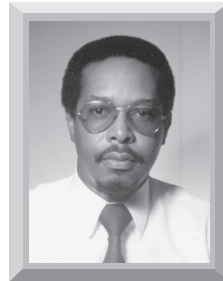
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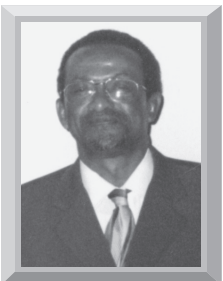
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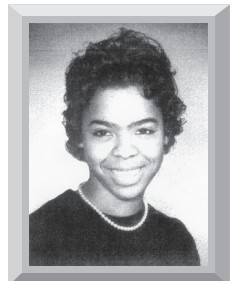
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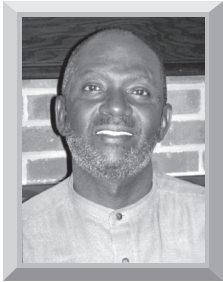


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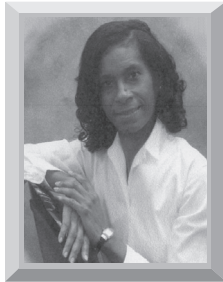
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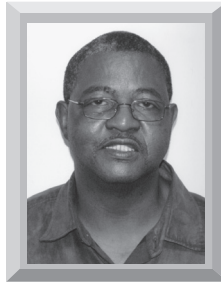
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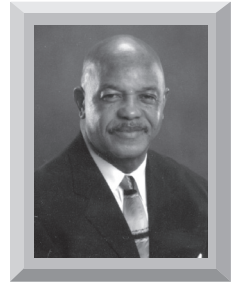
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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



A History of Washington High School

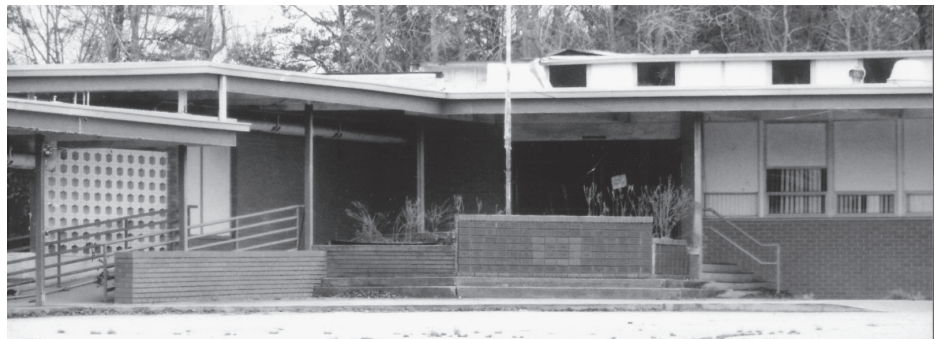
1961-1970

Originally called "Happy Hearts" elementary and high school, it was later officially named Washington Elementary and High. In 1971, the building was abandoned as an elementary and high school. For many years afterwards it served as a school providing special education services for handicapped children. The building is currently unoccupied.

The first to graduate was the 1961-1962 class and the last to graduate was the 1968-1969 class. In January of 1970 students from Washington would integrate into other schools in Greenville County as would many of the Teachers and Administrators. Mr. J. Wilbur Walker was the Principal and Mr. Jesse C. Beck would serve as Assistant Principal.

Washington was the last of the 17 school projects to be completed in 1961. It replaced the old Brutontown School and was built to take some of the load from Sterling High School. Some students came from nearby Lincoln High School. Originally Washington had 36 teaching stations, including 14 elementary and 22 high school classrooms. It was planned for 1020 students. In addition to the traditional studies, the school provided classes for drafting/ welding, industrial arts and auto mechanics. Later, additions would be made to the school to expand the elementary and high school areas and completion of new sections to accommodate classrooms for music, cosmetology and electronics. Long after the school closed, many continued to achieve much in life built on the education and skills taught and learned at Washington. Also, the school had an Adult Education Program designed to help adults take their places adequately in a complex society.

The school served the surrounding communities and the people of the communities took even greater pride in serving and supporting Washington High School. A PTA was quickly organized to promote child welfare, to raise the standards of living, to secure legislation/ and to develop intelligent co-operation between parents and teachers in meeting the children's needs. Organizers moved quickly to adopt the School Alma Mater, to select a Mascot/ and to choose the original school colors as red and gray. Later/ the school would use a combination of red, white/ and blue. Another purpose for the building was for it to be designed in anticipation of use as a community center. Years later it was briefly used as a summer recreational facility. During the early years parents made some of the Cheerleading and Majorette uniforms and helped in other ways to outfit the Band until uniforms could be purchased.



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Many teachers and students have gone on to many noteworthy accomplishments after Washington officially closed. While at Washington, Eddie Jones served as coach, teacher, athletic director and department head. Coach Jones was inducted into the First Piedmont Association Athletic Hall Of Fame in 1992. He would become the first head football coach at Eastside High School and later would serve as both Assistant Principal and Principal. Throughout his career in the Greenville County School District he would serve as a motivator and demonstrate a degree of caring and understanding of the problems many of the students faced because of their environment and economic conditions. In 1989 he was nominated for the William B. Harley Administrator of the Year for Outstanding School Administrators.

Reverend James W. Johnson taught English and Social Studies at Washington High School in addition to being Director of Student Activities, Advisor to the Student Council, and Chairman of Homecoming parade and activities. Reverend Johnson retired as a Guidance Counselor from the Greenville County School District with 30 years of service. He was given Special Recognition by the PAA in 2009 for his achievements and outstanding service.

Dr. Margaree Crosby taught elementary school at Washington and her adult years have been filled with achievements. She was a full professor of reading and language arts at Clemson University. She received the first South Carolina Women of Achievement award given by the Miss South Carolina Pageant and she was the first female of any race to be appointed to the Greenville Hospital Board of Trustees. Dr. Crosby was a pioneer of the civil rights era. She was one of several students whose protest led to the integration of the Greenville County Public Library System.



In its brief existence Washington would excel in several sports. Boys competed in Football, Baseball, Basketball and Track and the girls competed and participated in Basketball, Track and Cheerleading. The 1968-69 Falcons would reach the pinnacle of success by winning the State 1A Football Championship with victories over schools in North Carolina and South Carolina. Also, two members of the Mighty Falcons Football Team, Roy Kirksey and Willie Belton attended Maryland State University and later played in the National Football League. The Girls Basketball Team captured the 1965-1966 District AA Championship.



From the beginning until the final days of operation Washington had Great Marching and Concert Bands under the direction of Mr. Cleodis Brown. The band participated in several Christmas and Homecoming Parades. One member of the band, James Thompson (class of 67-68), was one of three students from South Carolina invited to participate in the Macy's Day Parade held annually in New York.

If you happen to drive past Washington High School on a cool autumn Friday night near the vicinity of Poinsett Highway, Rutherford Road, or Pleasantburg, and you look and listen closely, you might see the bright lights and hear:

Oh Red and Blue you look so good to me!

Fly Strong, Fly High, Fly Proud, MIGHTY FALCONS!



The Marching Falcons

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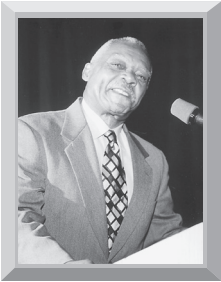
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Lincoln High Rattlers

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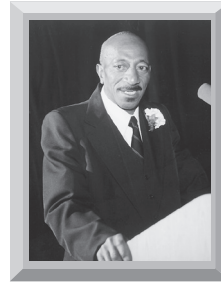
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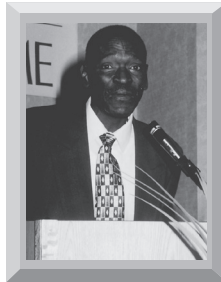
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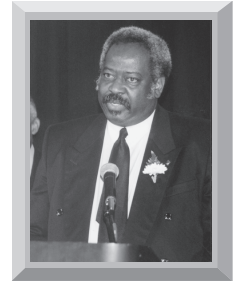
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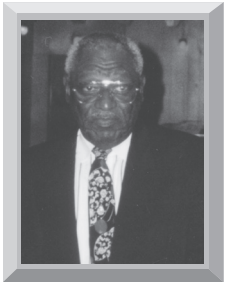
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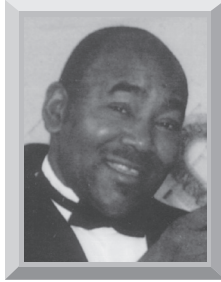
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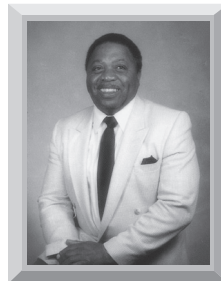
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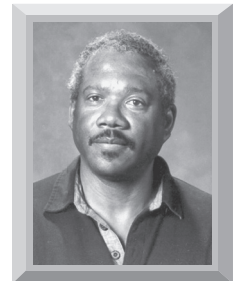
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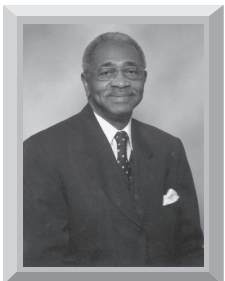
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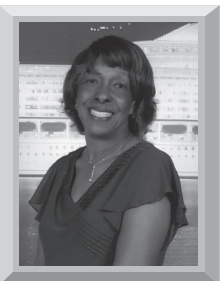
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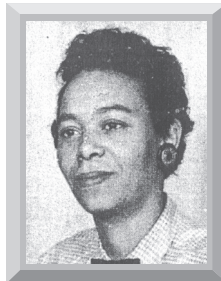
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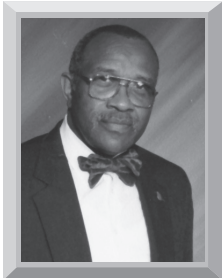


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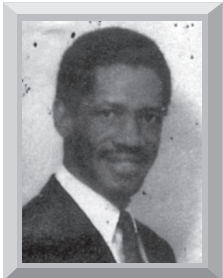
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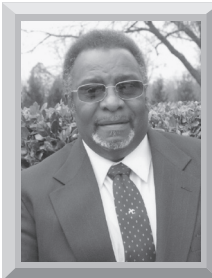
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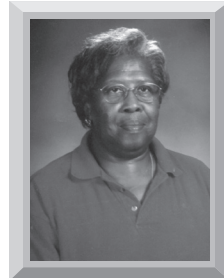
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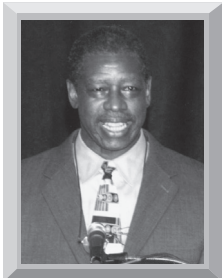
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A History of Lincoln High School

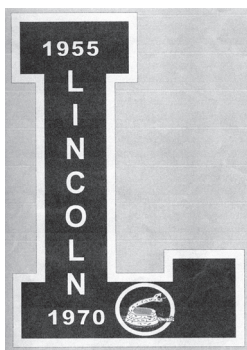
1954 - 1970

In the fall of September 1955, Lincoln High School opened its doors for education. It was the only school that offered grades 1-12. The land was owned by Mrs. Daisy Gray Thompson and Robert Anderson. The school served the community proudly for 15 years. At the end of 1970 the doors closed on Lincoln High for good.

School color: Green and Gold (1956)

Mascot: The Rattler, a product of Mr. Nathaniel Hartman patterned after Florida A&M. The name Rattler is a symbol of power and beauty, both of which was found at Lincoln.

- R-Readiness**
- A-Ability**
- T-Truthfulness**
- T-Tnacity**
- L-Loyalty**
- E-Eagerness**
- R-Reliability**
- S-Service**



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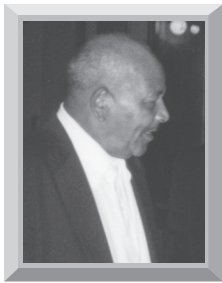
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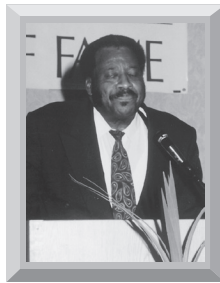
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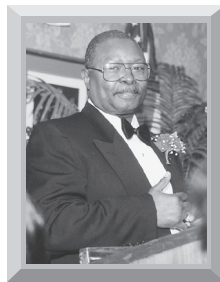
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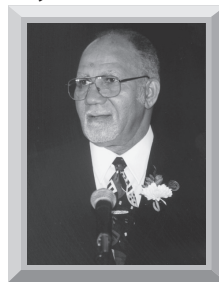
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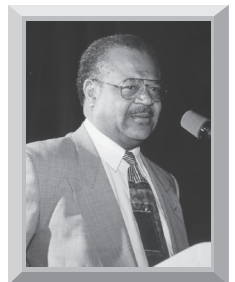
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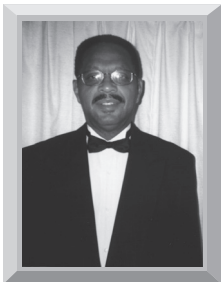
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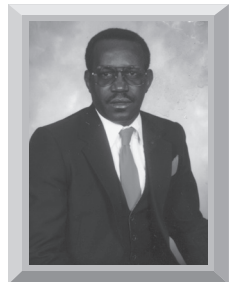
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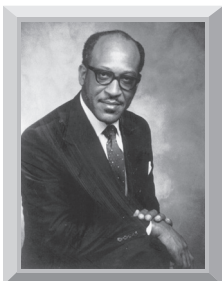
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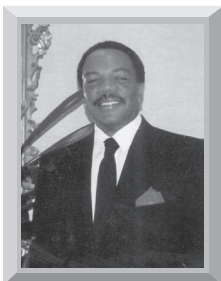
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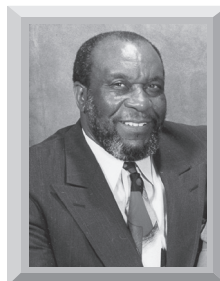
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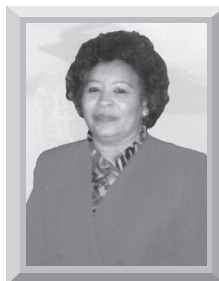
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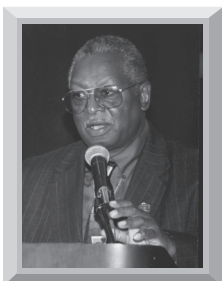
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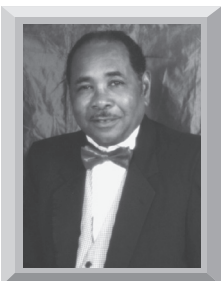
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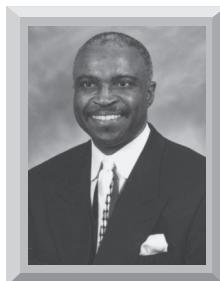
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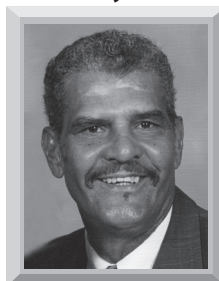
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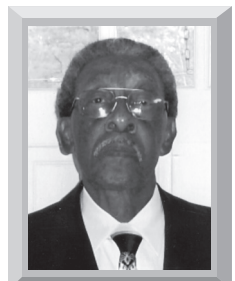
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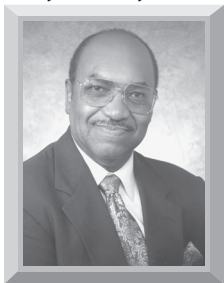
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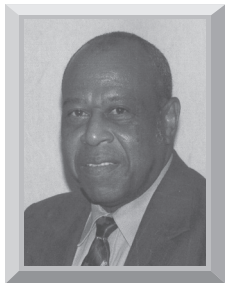
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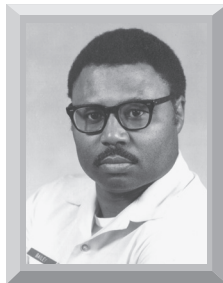
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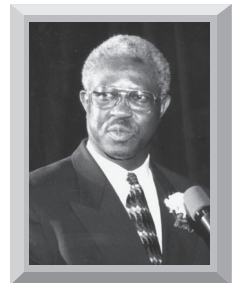
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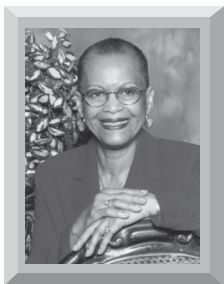
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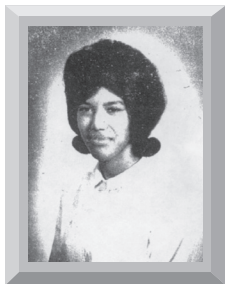
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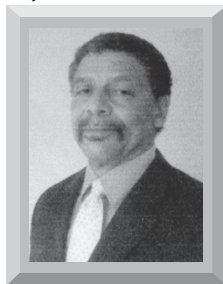
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BRYSON HIGH SCHOOL



A History of Bryson High School

1954 - 1970

In 1868 the South Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation providing for a state superintendent of education, who would be elected biennially, and who would have general supervision of the state's public school system. The act by the General Assembly wisely put the people of Greenville County in control by providing that a commissioner of education in each county be elected by popular vote, along with a local board of trustees for each school district.

The people of Greenville County elected a county commissioner of education biennially until 1896 following the action of the general assembly. It is interesting to note that the city of Greenville did not establish a free school system until 18 years after the General Assembly enacted legislation providing for a state superintendent of education. Mr. A. D. Asbury, in his paper, "The Little Red Schoolhouse," dated March, 1961 stated that the first public school system was established in Greenville on May 3, 1866, with school board composed of five members, one of who was black (S. S. Thompson).

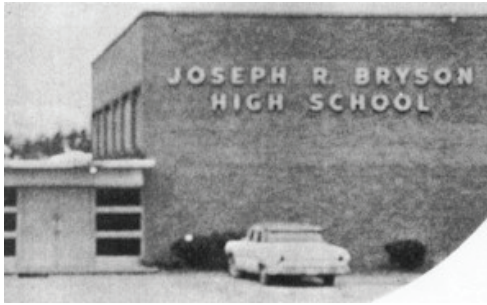
It might also be interesting to mention briefly that some two years before the action by the General Assembly, black people in Greenville County had begun efforts to establish the first private school for their children. Their efforts were led by a black man from the lower part of the state named Charles Hopkins. An ordained minister, Hopkins raised \$300 from among black and white citizens of Greenville County and purchased a storehouse that was no longer needed by the army. He later took a three-year lease on land that was located on the outskirts of Greenville and build a schoolhouse there from materials taken from the abandoned army storehouse. (Asa H. Gordon, *Sketches of Negro Life and History in South Carolina*, Univ. of SC Press, 1971, p. 103).

Correspondence between Hopkins and various officers of the Freedmen's Bureau indicated that the school's enrollment eventually reached 300, and the school's staff grew to five, including two white teachers. The school started by the black man is believed to have become Allen Elementary School and was taken in the city school system.

Annual reports of the state superintendent of education in 1870 Greenville County had seventy-eight free common schools with an enrollment of 2,060 white pupils and 597 'colored' pupils. By 1878 the county reported 136 schools with an enrollment of 5,274 white and 2,697 black pupils.

- the previous information came from Dr. J. Floyd Hall's *Highlights of Education in Greenville County: 1811 to 1975*.

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Upon the recommendation of the John's Survey that a study be made of school facilities for the Greenville County and outlying attendance areas of surrounding counties, Englehardt, Englehardt and Leggett was employed to make a study of the building needs to accommodate the school district. This study recommended that two high schools for Negroes be established outside the city of Greenville and that one would serve the lower part of our county. It was recommended that this school be located in about the center of the area which it would serve.

The administrative staff and board of education Greenville County began to seek a location for a high school in the lower part of the county. After considering several locations, the present site was selected because of the utilities that were available on what is known as the "Golden Strip." The school was located off State Highway 14 between Simpsonville and

Fountain Inn. The school was named by the County Board of Education for the late Joseph Raleigh Bryson, who served as a United States Representative from this Congressional District from January 3, 1939 to March 10, 1953.

Bryson High School opened its doors for the first time on Sept. 3, 1954. Five hundred and sixty-seven students were enrolled in grades seven through twelve. This enrollment represented a combination of five small inadequate high schools that served this area. Growth in student population made it necessary in the fall of 1958 to have only grades eight through twelve. The feeder schools were Bryson, Burgess, Laurel Creek, and Morton.

In 1954 in Greenville County, there were four high schools serving the African American population. Lincoln High served the upper part of Greenville County, Sterling and Washington High served the city of Greenville, and Bryson served the lower part of the county. Beck High School was later added in 1966 to serve the Fieldcrest and Nicholstown areas.

Bryson High School was built fully equipped with a gymnasium, auditorium, administrative area, vocational, agriculture and industrial education shops, three home economics laboratories, two science laboratories, music room, cafeteria, business laboratory and library with modern furniture and equipment in all these areas. The adopted mascot was the Hurricane and the school's newspaper was officially named *The Hurricane Times*.

The late Dr. A.M. Anderson served as principal during the entire existence of Bryson High School's 14.5 year history. Known by many names: "Chief", "Prof", "Mr. or Dr. Anderson", this man was the school's leader. He inspired his students and his teachers to become the best that they could. During his tenure, students were encouraged to think of high school as a stepping stone to greater heights. The evidence can be found in the many directions students took in positions of leadership in their diverse fields. Not only have Brysonians become good citizens, but also teachers, preachers, musicians, medical doctors, educational doctors, lawyers, business professionals, service men and women, and areas beyond. Much of this success can be attributed to the inspiration of Dr. Anderson. When integration of schools occurred in 1970, the teachers from Bryson who were placed in other schools were most often the holders of Master's degrees in the schools to which they were assigned. From Bryson High eight teachers became principals, five became assistant principals, one became Associate Superintendent for Greenville County Schools and one became State Supervisor of Librarians. All of these persons give credit to Dr. Anderson for inspiring them to a professionalism that caused their promotions.

The school was staffed with qualified educators, who were dedicated to their profession. This all Black school represented an outstanding part of the Fountain Inn and surrounding Black communities. Graduating over 1,000 students, instilling in them self motivation, a will to succeed, and a challenge to improve upon the quality of life for all Black Americans. Making Bryson High School a proud chapter of the Black American History.

As a direct result of the 1960s civil rights movement for a racial equality and a right to a quality education in this country, the United States Supreme Court in the winter of 1969 ruled that "Segregation of public schools is unconstitutional" and "Separate but Equal" does not work. The Supreme Court ordered that all public schools be desegregated in this country, and the school district of Greenville County, South Carolina be the first to comply with this court order, with implementation beginning by spring of 1970.

In the spring of 1970 Bryson High School ceased to exist as a high school. All students enrolled except for 9th and 12th graders were transferred to Hillcrest of Woodmont High, both traditionally all white high schools. The seniors were allowed to graduate from Bryson, making the class of 1970 the last graduating class of Bryson High School.

With emphases on high standards of education, social behavior and a belief in God as the creator was a positive image set and executed by parents and faculty, giving Bryson High Alumni Family a proud tradition of winning during school years and after graduation. The success of these efforts are given proof by the outstanding accomplishments of individual alumnus in their various professions, as they continue to achieve goals that were inspired at Bryson High. Today Bryson remains as a middle school, but the Joseph R. Bryson High School Hurricane spirit will remain forever carved in the page of a proud history.

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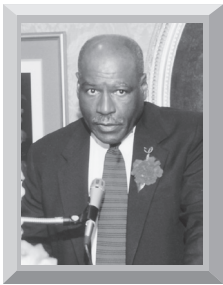
The former High School was destroyed by fire in 1967 and moved to the old Greenville Junior High building until 1970. The original Gym still stands and is regularly used today for all types of community activities and games

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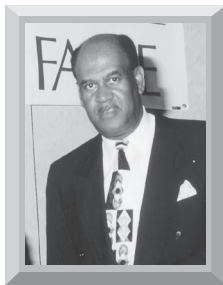


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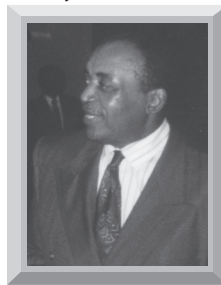
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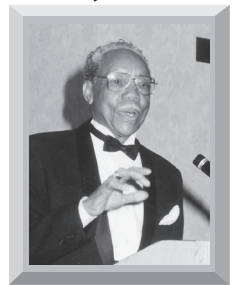
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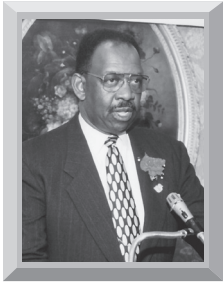
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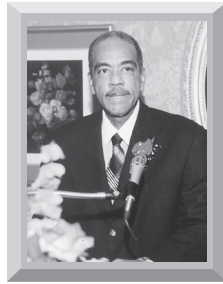
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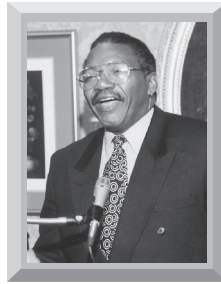
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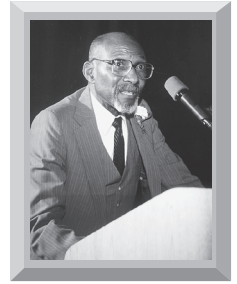
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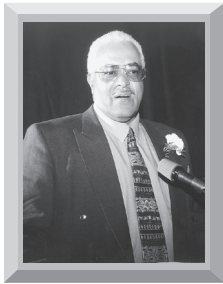
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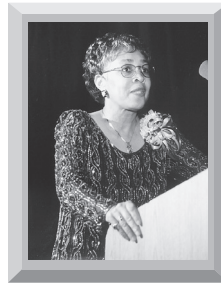
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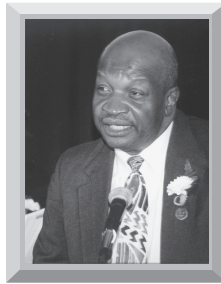
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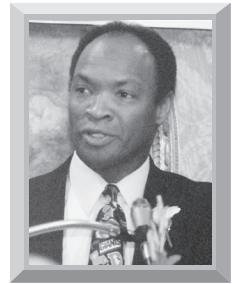
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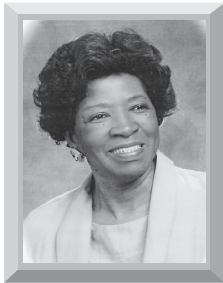
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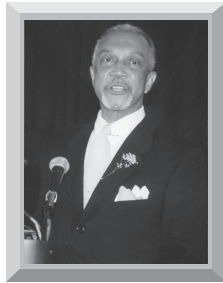
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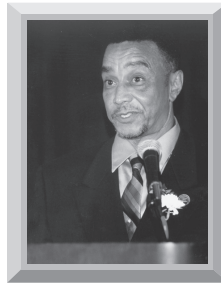
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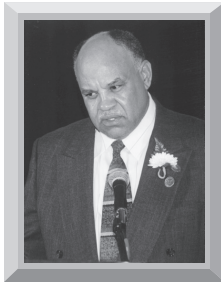
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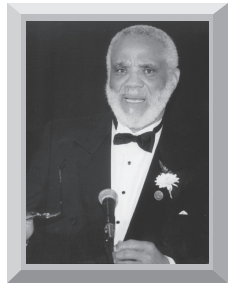
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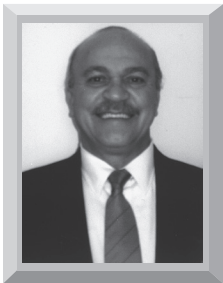
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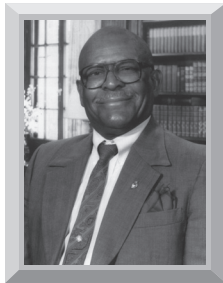
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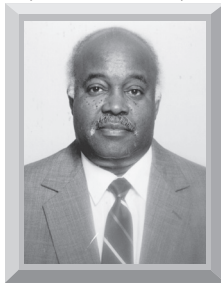
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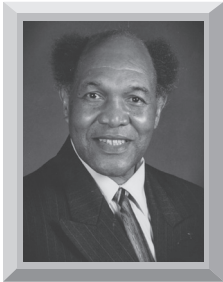
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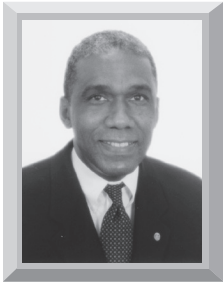
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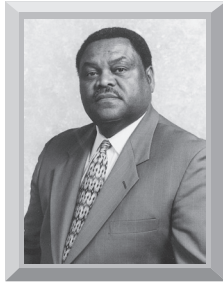
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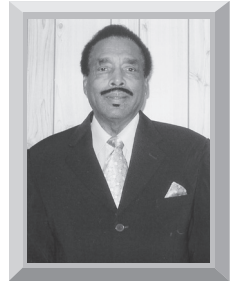
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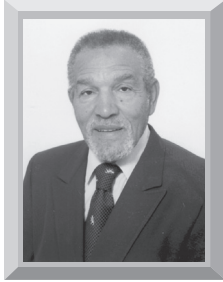
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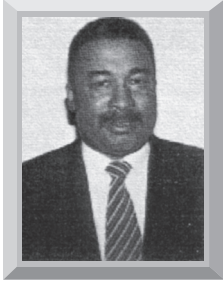
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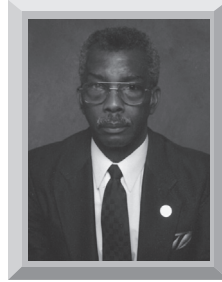
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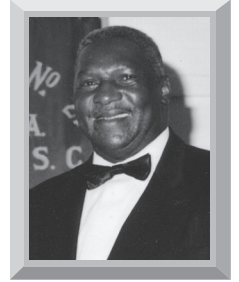
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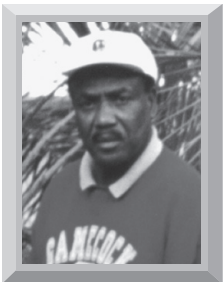
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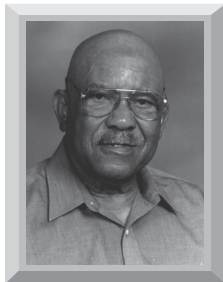
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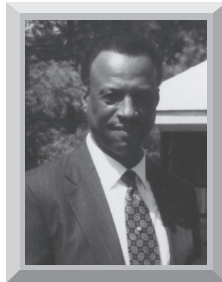
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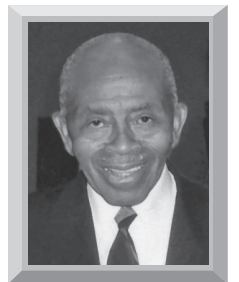
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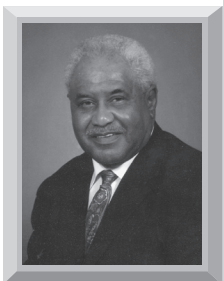
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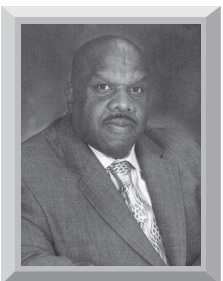
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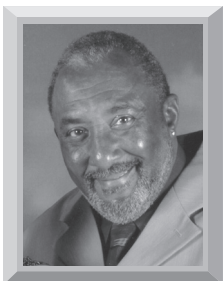
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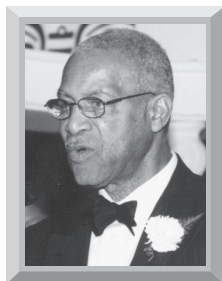
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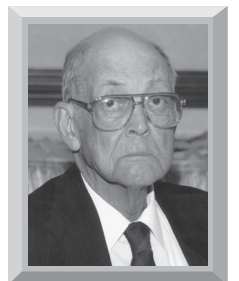
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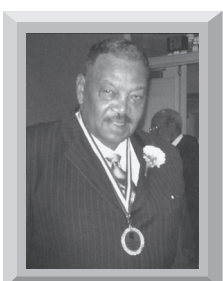
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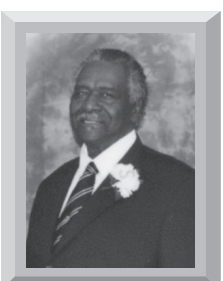
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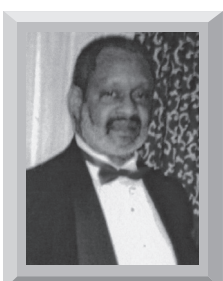
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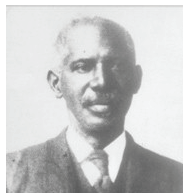
SPECIAL LEGACY, HISTORY & CULTURE TRIBUTE:

Remembering The Historical Olde Black High Schools

Sterling High School: *The triumphant story of Greenville County's first black public high school*

By Ruth Ann Butler

The record of Sterling High School, Greenville County's first predominately Black high school, is that of struggle and triumph. It covers a period of nearly seventy-five years. The story of Sterling began in the early 1890's, when the Rev. D.M. Minus was appointed to the pastorate of John Wesley Church in Greenville, the beginning of a great work.



REV. D.M. MINUS

Rev. Minus was born in Colleton County, South Carolina, on June 15, 1848, of slave parents; his father was Elijah and his mother was Sarah Minus. The oldest of thirteen children, Minus was brought to Greenville to accomplish two things: (1) *John Wesley*

Church needed a new brick building; and (2) *the children needed a high school in Greenville so they could prepare for life's duties without leaving their hometown.*

Several churches in Greenville waited for Rev. Minus to establish the high school. Finally an educational association was organized. Each member was assessed a certain amount, an attorney was employed, and then a petition was presented to the Secretary of State asking for the privilege to establish such an institution.

After the charter was received from the Secretary of State in October of 1896, the trustees made arrangements with the officers of

John Wesley Church to open the school in the lecture room of the church. Rev. D.M. Minus was elected president of the new school called Greenville Academy.

It continued in the lecture room for two years, after which the school got too large for the room, and the trustees of the school bought the church. The church invested money from the sale to build their new brick building on Falls Street.

Finally in 1902, the trust-

ees decided to sell the church property on Silver Hill and purchase land for the school outside the city limits. Mr. B.M. McGee agreed to sell six acres of land, and Rev. Minus had to pay down a certain amount to secure the land until he could get the help and cooperation of the

trustees. Different individuals made donations. For example, Mr. James Maxwell gave \$5.00 to help meet the first payment. Rev. Minus suggested the names of other good and influential white men, who, he thought,

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A view of Sterling High School, as it existed in the 1960s.

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would accept a place on the board. Every man that he recommended accepted. Finally, he had seven of the best white businessmen in Greenville on his Board of Trustees. Minus said that these white men taught him more practical business sense than he ever had. Mr. James H. Maxwell was his endorser at the bank for twenty-five years. He assessed himself \$20.00 per year for the school and also had the black trustees assess themselves. Mr. Thomas F. Parker made the largest donation to the school. He erected a splendid two-story building, which was worth \$2,500, and gave the school a fine mule at \$250. He also secured aid for the institution and had his bookkeeper teach Rev. Minus bookkeeping and how to balance the accounts of the institution each week. Additionally, he sent the president to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and a school in Durham, North Carolina, to see and study the methods of those great schools.

Mr. Parker also bought several acres of land around the school and divided it into lots and streets. He named the streets for the President and Founder of the school, and also

for the leading black men on the Board of Trustees. Today, these are Sterling, Middleton, Minus, Malloy, and Valentine Streets. Parker sold the property only to black people, and gave them five to ten years to pay for it; this created a complete town consisting entirely of blacks.

Mr. C.E. Graham was elected chairman of the finance committee. He donated \$100 to the school. For eight to 10 years he served as one of the white trustees of the school. Another influential trustee was Captain James F. Mackey. Recognized as one of the most useful members of the board of trustees, he not only gave his time and experience to this institution, but also his influence, his means, and his best talent to help make the school a success. Every year he donated \$25 to the institution.

Mr. T. O. Lawton, the youngest member of the board of trustees, was by no means the least. He donated \$10 to the school annually. Mr. T.P. Hayne was one of the most intelligent members of the board. For several years he was the secretary of the Board of Trustees for the City Graded Schools, and per-

haps was the most influential man on the board. Mr. W.G. Sitrine, Attorney, also rendered priceless aid to the institution.

The black trustees were: Rev. D.M. Minus, President; Rev. J.B. Middleton, Chairman of the Board donated \$280; Rev. N.D. Maloy (\$150); Rev. W.G. Valentine (\$10); Mr. A.B. Davis (\$20); Mr. W.R. Sewell (\$10); Mr. T.J. Bryant (\$15); Mr. J.F. Cureton (\$5); Mr. J.W. Johnson (\$10); Mr. T.B. Simpson (\$10); Mr. A. Tolbert and Mr. Jones W. Thomas (\$20).

Several names were suggested for the school. But finally it was voted to call it Sterling Industrial College in honor of Mrs. E.R. Sterling of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the lady who paid for Rev. Minus's college education at Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Rev. Minus said, "Mrs. Sterling was a great woman and she deserved all of the honor we could bestow upon her for it will take eternity to tell the good she has accomplished for the uplift and elevation of suffering humanity." Mrs. Sterling was consulted and finally agreed to have the school named for her, and she gave the first

donation of \$75.00. At this time she was 87 years of age.

The original building was designed and constructed by Mr. W.R. "William" Sewell, one of Greenville's leading black contractors. Later, it was remodeled, with additions, and a building especially designed for trades was added to the plant.

With such worthy men as Rev. Minus's associates and co-workers, the institution continued to progress. Rev. D.M. Minus will always be remembered as the first founder and president.

Due to the school's growth, Rev. Minus was asked to give up his ministerial work and devote all his time to the school at a salary of \$50 per month. He did this until November, 1913, when he resigned the presidency and returned to ministerial work. He was succeeded by President Carey Jones. When he accepted another position, Sterling was forced to close for a short period.

In 1915, the Enoree River Ba-

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tist Association had bought four acres of land in the City of Greenville with a nine-room building, an orchard and city water. They changed the name to Enoree High School and the Rev. E.C. Murray became the president, with the Rev. E.E. Riley of Seneca, S.C. the first principal. It was a boarding school and had a very successful beginning. His successor, Professor E.H. Trezevant, was the principal in 1929. This school was operated for 14 years.

In 1929, when the School District of Greenville County purchased the building for \$2,518.39 and changed the name back to Sterling High School. Sterling was the first black public high school in the county. The board elected J.C. Martin as principal. He remained only one school term. In September, 1930, he was succeeded by Professor Robert L. Hickson, who caught the same vision as its founder. Under his 10-year leadership term, the reputation of the school was widely acclaimed, and the physical plant was expanded. The name Sterling High School became quite prominent throughout the country. During his administration the famous Alma Mater was written.

From 1940 to 1960, Professor J.E. Beck from Georgetown, SC served as principal of Sterling. During his tenure, in 1949 the grades were extended from 11 to 12 years. The curriculum was broadened to include many trade courses. An extensive physical education program and various branches of science and secretarial training were added. The Torch, Sterling's high school yearbook, was first published in 1942, and a newsletter, named The Pinta, would be added later. Sterling was admitted to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges in 1953.

Going to the famous "Huddle" (Soda Shop) became the pastime after school for the students. The football games were played at Serrine Stadium, and all baseball games and track meets took place at the Meadowbrook Park.

Sterling, known as the Tigers, became classified as an "AAA" school and won many championships and awards in all areas of the educational system. The Male Glee Club and Quartet were active from



1941 Sterling High School Mid-term Graduation Class

(Photo courtesy of Greenville Cultural Exchange Center, via www.hereahigh.org)

1935-1960, under the direction of Wilfred J. Walker, Sr. Singers from Sterling often won scholarships to college because of their talent.

In 1960, Rev. H.O. Mims became principal of Sterling. He was truly a home-grown product, having been a student, teacher, assistant principal, and then principal at the school. Under his leadership

Sterling continued to grow, and the County School Board voted to renovate the building in early September of 1967.

Unfortunately, disaster would strike

before this ever had a chance to occur. On Friday evening, September 15, 1967, the Sterling student body danced at a party sponsored by the Senior Class to raise money for the "Miss Homecoming" drive. At 10:40 p.m. the disc jockey from WHYZ announced this warning over the microphone, "An emergency has occurred. We urge each of you to leave the building quickly and calmly as possible."

Immediately, the students filed out of the building in an orderly and calm fashion, only to find their beloved Sterling had caught fire. Tears streaming down their faces, they watched the leaping flames engulf their school. Firemen from the Parker District fought desperately to extinguish the fire. They remained on the scene well into the next day and returned from time to time throughout the weekend.

The fire destroyed the entire physical plant, with the exception

of the gymnasium, which miraculously escaped major damage.

There were numerous pleas, petitions and even marches to encourage the Board to rebuild Sterling. In addition to telephone calls and personal appearances before officials of the Greenville County School District, over one thousand parents and students signed petitions asking to keep the student body intact. Moreover, four-fifths of the student body marched on the County office protesting any hint that they would be disbanded.

Finally, the Board of Trustees agreed to house students on an interim basis at Greenville Junior High on Westfield Street, naming it Sterling Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Luke Chatman became the principal in 1968. He was the last principal of Sterling High School.

On February 17, 1970, the School District of Greenville County was integrated, and at the end of this school year there was no longer a school named Sterling. The edifice was torn down except for the gym, which has since been converted into a recreational facility operated by the Greenville County Recreation Department.

A realistic portrayal of the development and growth of Sterling High School can be revealed only in an account depicting the diligent and faithful service of many dedicated teachers and the achievements and successes of the students who bring honor and glory to their Alma Mater.

Although the physical plant is gone, fond memories of our school that served generations still lingers in the hearts and minds of scores of people near and far. Sterling High School lives on, in those who walked its halls and benefited from the lessons taught within its walls. Meanwhile, with a large part of the

older black population of Greenville County continuing to identify with the site either as former students or graduates. Sterling High will continue to live on.

These are just some of the notable former Sterling students and teachers who have significantly impacted the Greenville community and beyond: Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.; Dr. Thomas Elliott Kerns; Wilfred Walker; Alberta Tucker Grimes; LTC Paul Adams; Lillian Brock-Flemming; Lottie Beal Gibson; Xanthe Norris; Theo Mitchell; Ralph Anderson; William "Billy" Thompson; Eskew Reeder, Jr. (a singer/

pianist who performed under the stage name "Esquerita"; The Dixie Hummingbirds (award-winning gospel ensemble); John Arthur Jones; Lloyd Walker and Dr. Charles Whittenberg.

Rev. Jackson, who graduated from Sterling in the 1950s, began working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the epicenter of the Civil Rights Movement. Jackson would later become an icon in his own right, establishing Operation Breadbasket in the early 1970s before relocating to Chicago, where he founded Operation P.U.S.H. and the Rainbow Coalition (now known as Rainbow/P.U.S.H.). Widely recognized as a negotiator, he also ran for the Presidency of the United States in 1984 and 1988, becoming the first African-American male to run for the nation's top office.

Dr. Kerns, a 1949 Sterling graduate who later taught social studies and French there, became the first African-American superintendent of the Greenville County School District. Dr. Kerns, who passed away this past November, served from 1989-1994. The district recently built an elementary school near I-85 and named the school for the longtime educator.

Mr. Walker, the school's oldest living staff member, taught masonry at Sterling; his tenure there was part of a remarkable career that saw him teach in the Greenville County School District for 40 years. Mrs. Grimes, a former biology teacher at Sterling, became the first African-American school counselor in Greenville County and went on to become the first full-time African-American counselor in the state. In 1965, she established the first Head Start Program in Greenville, and later

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was a founding member of the Greenville Urban League (currently The Urban League of the Upstate).

Others embarked upon careers in public service. Mrs. Gibson, a Sterling graduate, and Mrs. Norris, another former teacher, both serve on Greenville County Council. Mrs. Brock-Flemming, a Sterling graduate, has served on Greenville City Council since 1981. Mr. Mitchell, a former state Senator, became the first African-American to win the Democratic nomination for governor in 1990, while Mr. Anderson, a onetime City Councilman, currently serves in the South Carolina state Senate.

Mr. Thompson became an All-Pro defensive back in the National Football League, playing 11 seasons for the Denver Broncos and appearing in Super Bowl XII. In his rookie season (1969), he became the first professional player (AFL, which the Broncos were a part of at the time, or NFL) to lead the league in both kickoff returns and punt returns, establishing him as a special teams threat. Mr. Thompson, who lives in Aurora, Colo., works as the community relations liaison for the Broncos.

Through the years, the alumni and supporters of Sterling High School have worked hard to permanently ensure the legacy lives on. In 1988, the class of 1955—the first known class to form a combined class reunion—donated a monument and placed it on the site of Sterling High School. It lists the names of the principals of the school.

Another group of alumni and supporters, identified as the "Friends of Sterling," pushed hard to have a second monument erected in memory of the school's 74 years of existence. This one, located at the corner of North Main and West Washington streets in downtown Greenville (the former site of the old Woolworth's drug store), would take shape in the form of a sculpture that recognized the school's contributions to the West Greenville and Upstate communities.

Created by Camden-based sculptor Maria Kirby-Smith, the sculpture, titled "Raise High the Torch of Sterling," consists of two stu-

dents, one male and one female, descending down a set of steps, the male student sporting a sweater with an "S" emblazoned on the front.

On a bright, sunny Sunday afternoon, those dreams were finally realized. The sculpture was dedicated on Nov. 19, 2006 in an emotional ceremony, which took place

at the statue site. A reception was held at the Westin Poinsett Hotel on South Main Street immediately following the ceremony.

Finally, Sterling was officially designated for inclusion in the registry as a historical landmark. The new marker, which will sit on the corner of Calhoun and Pendleton

streets, was unveiled in a ceremony held January 21 at the old Sterling High gymnasium on Minus Street.


Ruth Ann Butler, an alumna of Sterling, is president and founder of the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center. Wanda Stokes provided additional information for this article.

Prestigious Historical Olde Black High School

Scroll of Honor

In our African-American Legacy & Culture Special Edition, titled *Honoring, Remembering and Celebrating "African-American Legacy and Culture" and the Accomplishments of "The Historical Olde Black High Schools," The Upstate Citizen-Advocate pays special tribute in honor of the Olde Black High School's history and its role in changing the lives of the people of our community. The Upstate Citizen-Advocate would like to thank the former students, teachers, staff members, principals and all employees, and the parents, grandparents and descendants of The Olde Black High Schools.*

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1992-1997 INDUCTEES



1991-2003 INDUCTEES



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2002 INDUCTEES



2004 INDUCTEES



2005 INDUCTEES



2007 INDUCTEES



2009 INDUCTEES



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20th Anniversary

ALMA MATERS

1991



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*Dear Bryson High, Our Bryson High
Our hopes reach high up to the sky.
The more we think of you it's true,
We bring to you, all our love.
And as we stand before thy doors,
Sons and daughters arms unfold;
To welcome those who have not told,
That our hearts are made of gold.
Oh Bryson High, Dear Bryson High,
We'll love thee more as days go by.
And as the years go passing by
Your memories will never die.*

*Sterling High School, Sterling High School
Sterling High School, Bless her name!
Whether in defeat or victory.
We are loyal just the same;
So we'll cheer for Sterling High School,
And for her we'll fight for fame
And we'll sing her praises loud in every land
Sterling High School, Bless her name!*

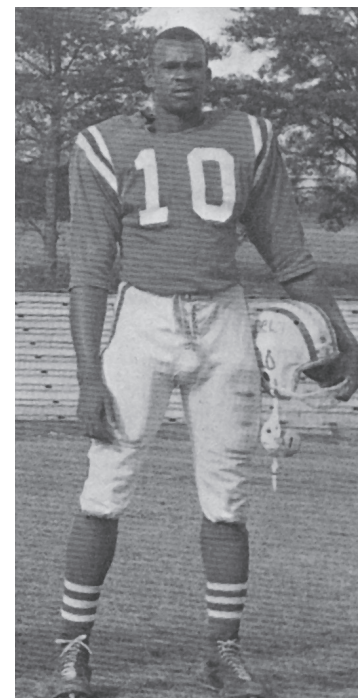
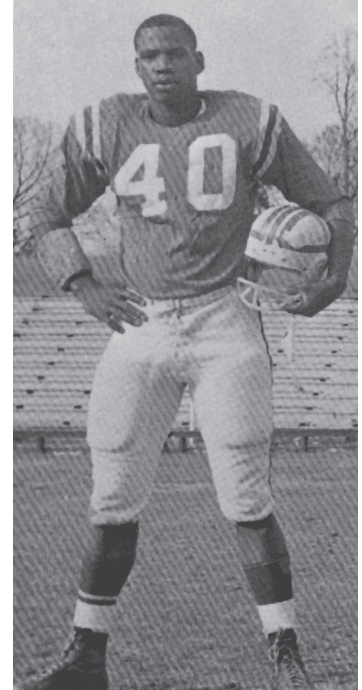
*From the hills of the Blue Ridge
To the waves across the sea,
Let us hold aloft thy banner,
And proudly sing of thee.
Let us keep the spirit glowing
Throughout eternity;
May thy sons be ever loyal
And stand for liberty.
Let us greet the Green and Gold
With a strong and cordial cheer,
May our hearts be ever loyal
To our Alma Mater dear.
As we stand here at thy portals,
In our hearts the echoes dwell;
It's ever onward forward
From the school we love so well.
Though thy walls are gray and hoary
And our stories are so old,
We will cherish every memory
Of our colors green and gold.
Yes we love our Alma Mater,
Dear old Lincoln is so true.
Thou shalt dwell within our memory
As we love to think of Thee.
We have roamed these hills together
While our hearts were young and free
And as life goes on forever,
We shall always think of thee.*

*As we stand here at your portals,
Dear J. E. Beck High.
Singing loud your hymns of praises
Till they reach the sky.
Hail O Hail dear J. E. Beck High,
Hear the echoes ring;
Hail to thee our alma mater,
Hail O Hail we sing.
As we go along life's byways
We'll always be true;
Heart and mind will always cherish
Fond memories of you.*

*Washington, dear Washington
the pride of all our hearts
Washington dear Washington
to thee we'll never part
we will love and cherish thee
as long as we shall live
so, give three cheers to our dear
school, dear Wash-ing-ton*

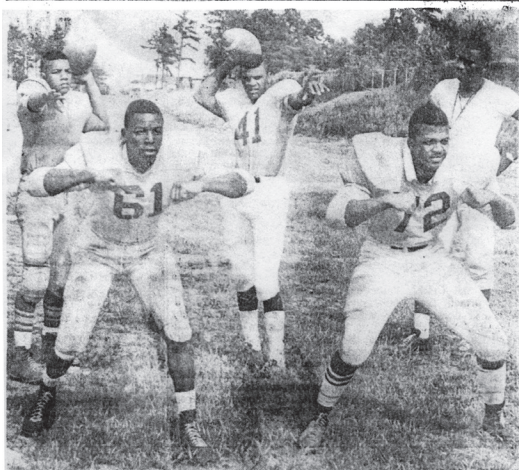
❖ 20th Anniversary ❖

The following pages of this very special 20th Anniversary edition of the Souvenir Program is a collection of Hall of Fame news clippings and photos from over the years. Included in this section is the *First Banquet Program* and the *Official Charter from the State*, taken from the Hall of Fame's scrapbook and archive.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1967

GREENVILLE



BECK HIGH quarterbacks take aim behind a pair of blockers during yesterday's practice session as Coach Oneal Seward observes. The signal-callers are, from left, Billy

Yates and Perry Harrison, and the blockers are Ernest Hamilton, 51, and Donald Gibbs, 72. (News-Piedmont photo by Leon E. Carnes)

Beck High Has New Grid Coach, Prospects Of 'Real Good' Team



**Piedmont Athletic Assoc.
HALL OF FAME**

You are cordially invited to attend the
Induction Ceremony
of the
**Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame**
Saturday, February 24, 1996
PHOENIX INN
Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, S.C.
Reception at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00
Semi-Formal Attire

**Bryson - Ernest M. Brock
Lincoln - John McCarroll
Sterling - Wilton (Bill) Thompson
Washington - Alvin Lannom
Beck - Clyde Myers
Donations: \$20.00**



PAA hosts Hall of Fame banquet

The Piedmont Athletic Association will host a Hall of Fame banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Ghana Elite Club in Greenville.

The purpose of the banquet is to recognize the achievements of alumni of Sterling, Bryson, Lincoln, Washington and Beck High Schools. Tickets cost \$10.

The Piedmont Athletic Association was formed to preserve and promote the accomplishments of former students, athletes and faculty members of the all-black high schools that once existed in Greenville.



Saturday, June 27, 1992 11C



Golden



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Mathis

Piedmont Athletic Association lauds 7

Seven coaches who were integral in the athletic success of Greenville County's black high schools in pre-integration days are the first inductees into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

The coaches and educators were honored at a Thursday night banquet at the Ghana Elite Club. Each received a plaque honoring his accomplishments. The plaques will be on temporary display at the Phillis Wheatley Community Center and the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center until a permanent site can be established.

Louie Golden, currently boys basketball coach and athletic director at Riverside High School, is the only inductee still involved in high school coaching.

Golden guided a strong program at Beck High, winning a state championship in the school's final season before it closed. Since integration he has continued to succeed, building Riverside into a perennial state title contender on the AAA level.

Al Duckett was longtime basketball coach at Bryson High School, winning a state champion-

ship in open competition. He later coached a successful program at Hillcrest High School, where the school's gymnasium was named for him.

The Rev. J.D. Mathis coached winning football and baseball teams at Sterling High School. Among his proteges was The Rev. Jesse Jackson. The Rev. Mathis later served on Greenville City Council.

Other inductees were:

- James T. Floyd, who coached successful football and track teams at Beck High School.

- Eddie Jones, football and basketball coach at Washington High School.

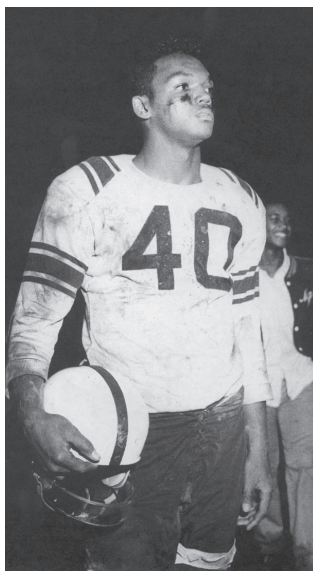
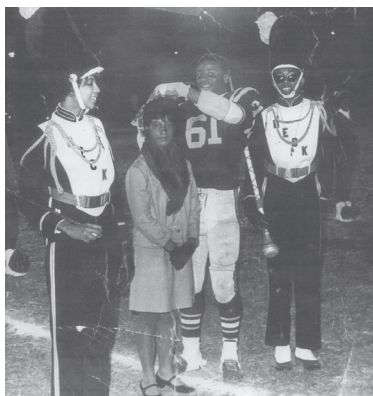
- Dewey Tullis, football coach at Lincoln High School.

- Thomas "Sporty" Williams, the first basketball coach at Lincoln High School.

Other former coaches and players at Beck, Bryson, Lincoln, Sterling and Washington high schools are planned for induction in future years.

For more information, write, the Piedmont Athletic Association, P.O. Box 10672, Greenville, 29603.

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OWEN RILEY, JR. / Staff

Scholarship grants: Mrs. Shirley Garnett, second from left, is representing her son Kevin Garnett, and is shown with scholarship recipients from the Piedmont Athletic Association. From left, William Staggs, Blue Ridge High, Mrs. Garnett, Andre Brantley, Wade Hampton High, and LaShonda Maxwell, Carolina High School.



Tullis

Golden

County all-stars to play at Furman

This year's Greenville County all-star high school basketball games will be played at Furman's new Timmons Arena.

The games are scheduled for Sunday, April 11, with the girls playing at 2:30 p.m. and the boys at 4:30. Coaches and players have not yet been chosen.

Sponsored by the Piedmont Athletic Association, the games were played last year at Beck Academy.

Piedmont Athletic Association presents scholarships

The Piedmont Athletic Association of Greenville presented scholarships to three recent high school graduates during a luncheon on Wednesday at the Commerce Club.

The scholarships were presented to Wade Hampton High School basketball standout Andre Brantley, LaShonda Maxwell of Carolina High School for basketball and William Staggs of Blue Ridge High School for football.

Brantley will attend Benedict College, Maxwell will attend Denmark Tech while Staggs will attend USC-Spartanburg this fall.

Also honored at the banquet was former Mauldin High School basketball standout and current Minnesota Timberwolves star Kevin Garnett as the Professional Athlete of the Year by the club.

Garnett was unable to attend the luncheon due to other prior commitments, but was represented by his mother Mrs. Shirley Garnett.

Hall inducts Tullis, Golden

Dewey Tullis, former football coach at Lincoln High School in Greenville County and former assistant at Spartanburg High School, and Louie Golden, current boys basketball coach and athletic director at Riverside High School, were two of seven coaches inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame recently.

The coaches were judged to be integral in the athletic success of Greenville County's black high schools in pre-integration days and are the first inductees into the hall.



Palmetto running back Derek Watson, right, gets congratulations from referee Ernie Hamilton of Greenville in the second quarter after the ref tossed Watson the ball he used to score his 79th career touchdown in Westminster on Friday.



High School Scoreboard



Piedmont Athletic Association honors 12

Twelve more people have been selected for induction into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

The Piedmont Athletic Association is involved in preserving the memory of Greenville County's former all-black high schools and recognizing the achievements of former athletes.

In recent years, several people have been inducted into the association's Hall of Fame.

Selected from Sterling are Eleanor Beck, Earvin Thompson, Wilfred Walker and Richard Kerns.

From Lincoln are Constance Williams and Bobby J. Jones.

From Bryson are Fred Dean and Nancy Pickney.

From Washington are Rosa Fleming Byrd and Roslyn Gardner Bryant.

Selected from Beck are Shirley T. Harris and Herman Roberts.

Induction ceremonies for the new class of inductees will be Feb. 28, 1998.

Piedmont group honors players

The Piedmont Athletic Association has named its first basketball players of the week for the 1997-98 high school season.

Bert Epting of Blue Ridge was the winner for boys players, with Katrina Neal of Carolina earning the award for girls.

Gone, but not forgotten

PAA Hall of Fame gives graduates of Greenville's black high schools chance to relive sports glory

BY ALLISON WALSH
community editor

Lula Yeargin Williams distinctly remembers a basketball game played in a wet men's uniform. The year was 1961, and Williams and her Lincoln High School teammates were on a quest to win the state title, but the team trainer forgot to bring the uniforms.

"We had to play in the boys' suits," Williams says. "We just took them and rinsed them out and put them on wet."

That's just one of the stories sure to be relished this weekend when the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame, established in 1991 to honor

graduates of Greenville County's former black high schools, inducts its 11th class of honorees, scheduled for Feb. 16 at the Hyatt. "The Piedmont Athletic Association is a commemoration of Sterling, Washington, Lincoln, Bryson and Beck—those five [high] schools," says PAA board member Ernest Hamilton. "The whole purpose of it is to preserve and promote the history of the persons who attended those schools and their achievements."

PAA will induct 11 people into its hall of fame, as well as honor a Little League coach under whom many of the inductees played at some point in their sports careers.

Elmer Brown, a current Spartanburg resident and graduate of Sterling High School, is being hon-

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Emanuel Sullivan,
PAA Executive Director

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Brock among inductees in Upstate group's hall of fame

Ernie Brock, a star basketball player at Bryson High School and later a player for both the St. Louis Hawks of the National Basketball Association and the Harlem Globetrotters, has been inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association's Hall of

Fame. Other inductees at a banquet Saturday night at the Phoenix Inn were: Bill Thompson of Sterling High School and a player for the Denver Broncos; John McCarrroll, who played and coached at Lincoln High School

and is now the executive director of the Phillis Wheatley Center and on the board of directors for American Federal Bank; Alfred Lesmon of Washington High School, now the residential director for the Westminster Company; and Clyde Mayes, a

star basketball player at Beck High School and an All-Southern conference performer at Furman University. Previous inductees into the Hall of Fame include Alfred C. Duckett, a former head basketball coach at

Hillcrest High School; Louie Golden, currently the head basketball coach at Riverside High School; Dewey Tallis; James Floyd; Eddie Jones; Sporty Williams and the Rev. J. D. Mathis.



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JEFF ELLIOTT

Hamilton's day
great for Spartans

"Hump Day" turned out to be "Great Day" for the Spartans Saturday, especially for Ernie Hamilton, who not only made "Hump Day," but played a big role in making it "Great Day."

Prior to taking the field against Purdue, Hamilton stood up before his teammates to give his pre-game captain talk, a task each week's captain performs just before game time. Hamilton, one of the quieter Spartan players, went over to the blackboard and wrote, "Hump Day — the day we go over the hump."

It brought a little chuckle from the squad, but everyone knew it was true — the Purdue game would be a far more formidable test for the resurgent Spartans than their last two opponents, Iowa and Indiana, had provided. The Spartans felt that if they could get by a big and dangerous Purdue squad, they would have enough momentum to win the two remaining games against Minnesota and Northwestern.

It's possible Purdue knew the Spartans' goal, for they let everyone know on the first play of the game that they weren't going to be pushovers. Stan Brown took Borys Shlapak's kickoff on the seven yard line, and, hardly before the ABC-TV cameras were in place, raced 93 yards for a touchdown.

"That opening kickoff gave them a lift and set us back on our heels," MSU Head Coach Duffy Daugherty said after the game. "We gave them an opening on the return, and Borys was the only one who had a shot at Brown."

The second play of the game probably hurt as much as the first. Quarterback Mike Rasmussen hit flanker Bill Triplett at midfield, but Triplett dropped the ball. It might have gone for a touchdown had he hung on to the ball. The Spartans eventually went in to get a field goal to cut the Purdue lead to 7-3.

After that it was Hamilton and his mates who came up with their third straight outstanding performance. Hamilton was credited with eight solo tackles; were Mike Hogan and Will Martin. Rover Brad VanPelt was one behind that with seven. The four combined for over half the Spartan tackles Saturday and nailed Boilermaker runners five times in the backfield for 41 yards in losses. In all the Spartans dropped Purdue runners nine



ERNIE HAMILTON

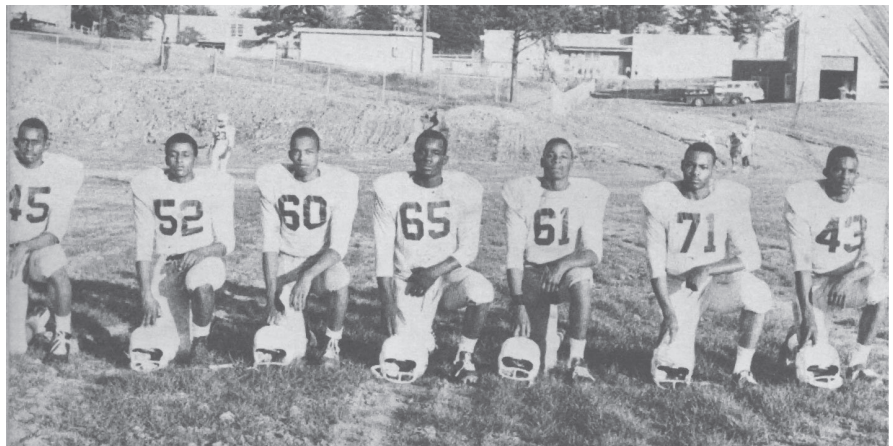
times behind the line of scrimmage for a total of 65 yards.

It was Hamilton, however, who again looked so effective in his middle guard spot. Since taking over as a starter against Iowa, he has accumulated some impressive figures. His three game stats show 25 solo tackles, nine assists, and seven times getting runners for losses totaling 49 yards.

"I had trouble getting untracked the first half," the Greenville, S.C., native said. "I was being double teamed most of the time and was playing too close to the line of scrimmage. The other guys were getting into the backfield so in the second half there was only one guy on me."

"Don't let anyone tell you Otis Armstrong isn't a good runner," he added. "Our coaches said he wasn't that powerful, just quick. But a couple of times I had a hold of him and he broke away. Next to Billy Taylor of Michigan he's probably the best we'll face this year."

It was a tough bruising game with several players from both teams injured, although no one appeared seriously hurt. Joe DeLamielleure and Mike Tobin, two of the Spartans' top three guards, suffered sprained ankles. Their status won't be known for a couple of days when they start working out again. Billy Jo DuPree and Dennis "Skip" Macholz, the team's top two tight ends, were withheld from some action Saturday, DuPree suffering a concussion and Macholz a hand injury.



Piedmont Athletic Association to hold annual Hall of Fame banquet June 25

The Piedmont Athletic Association will hold its annual Hall of Fame Banquet June 25 at 7 p.m. in the Ghana Restaurant and Lounge.

The PAA is made up of former students and athletes from the area's black high schools: Sterling, Lincoln, Bryson, Washington and Beck.

The objective of the organization is to preserve and promote the many achievements of the students and faculty of these schools.

For more information, call Carol at 235-9271 or 235-5409.



PAA announces Hall inductees

By Willie T. Smith III
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The Piedmont Athletic Association will induct 11 former athletes and coaches into its Hall of Fame on Feb. 12.

"We are excited about the group we're honoring this year," said PAA spokesperson Ernest Hamilton. "We think we not only have a list of outstanding athletes, but people who also stood out academically."

The PAA honors athletes and coaches from Greenville's five predominantly black former high schools — Sterling, Bryson, Lincoln, Washington and Beck.

This year's inductees:
■ From Sterling — multisport athlete Louis Blandon, football player Thurmond Norris and football and baseball player Ernest Jones;

■ From Bryson — basketball player Yvonne Taylor and football player George Stoddard;

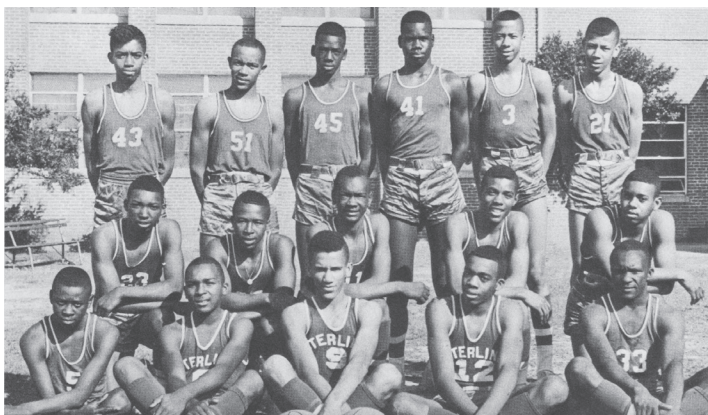
■ From Lincoln — football coach and teacher William Fleming and student leader Wendell Thompson;

■ From Washington — multisport athlete Bob Poole and football player Dan Avery;

■ From Beck, basketball player Charles Booker and football player William Lindsey.



FIRST ROW: Theodore Wright, Clemmie Frieze, Jerry Benson, Samuel Roberts, Michael Copeland, Melvin Irby, Ernest Hamilton, Harold Brunson, William Lloyd, SECOND ROW: Billy Yates, Charles Thompson, Thomas Hallstock, Joseph Wilson, Charles Whitteburg, William Lindsey, Rodney Acker, Darrel Simpson, William Lee, THIRD ROW: Coach Lonnie Golden, John Robert Hill, Julius Gamble, Charles Stevens, Donell Hawkins, Leroy Lloyd, Bobby Chapman, Loraine Yarbrough, Harry Walker, Johnny Fleming, Maxie Gamble, Head Coach J. T. Floyd, FOURTH ROW: Trainer Calvin Edwards, Perry Harrison, Donald Bibbs.



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The Piedmont Athletic Association is proud to recognize those outstanding award recipients of the Greenville community who have excelled as student athletes.

May 23rd, 2002
7:00 p.m.

The Greenville Commerce Club
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Greenville, SC



Piedmont Hall of Fame selects 13 inductees

Five women, eight men to be included

Five women and eight men have been elected to the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies are scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Embassy Suites.

This year's class includes four representatives of Sterling, three from Lincoln, and two each from Bryson, Washington, and Beck — the high schools which formed the PAA.

The inductees:
Mary Ann Brooks played basketball for four years at Washington and has been a teacher for 27 years at Berea Hill.

Tommie Anderson Brooks played basketball for Lincoln and is an administrative assistant for patient care with the Carriage House in Taylors.

Williams H. Clement played for Sterling and now lives in Florida.

Mary Penson Corner played basketball at Sterling and now is a

HIGH SCHOOLS

business unit leader for Michelin Tire Corporation.

Earl Daniels coached football and basketball from 1955 through 1960 at Bryson.

Marvin Drummond was captain of the basketball team at Lincoln and also played football and baseball. He graduated from Morris College and works for Mitsubishi in Greer.

Eddie Drummond was captain of the basketball and football teams at Lincoln and went to Morris College on a football scholarship. He works for Bradshaw Chevrolet in Greer.

Johnandad M. Flemming played football, baseball and track for two years at Sterling and two at Beck. A graduate of Morris College and an Air Force veteran, he is executive director of Southernside Community Center.

James E. "Slick" Smith was an all-conference player on a state champion team at Sterling and played on the North Carolina A&T team which was recognized as the 1950 national champion among black colleges. He lives in Capitol Heights, Md.

Eugene Tate played football at Washington. He is president of Tate Cleaning Service.

Clarence Whittenburg played on Beck's first teams in football, basketball, and track, and he was a member of the 1969 state championship basketball team. He played football at Livingstone College and works for Cryovac.

Agnes Davis Young coached the girls' basketball team at Sterling and also was a teacher at Berea and Carolina. She coordinates programs for the Phillis Wheatley Community Center.

Pauline Williams Young led Bryson to two state championships in girls' basketball. She has been a nurse with the Greenville Hospital System for 35 years.

The PAA will also recognize high school and college basketball players of the year from Greenville County, and presents scholarships to county seniors.

Tickets to the Hall of Fame banquet are \$30 and are available from Carol Hill, 294-1070; Ernest Hamilton, 297-6678; Emanuel Sullivan, 862-4202; and Dan Avery, 233-4082.

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"Hall of Fame Banquet"
 Thursday, June 25, 1992
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Dinner

Presentation & Introduction

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 Lincoln
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Closing Remarks

Benediction

The Piedmont Athletic Association was formed to preserve and promote the accomplishments of former students, athletes, and faculty members of the all-black high schools that once existed in Greenville County. Needless to say, none of the all-black high schools that existed yesterday under segregation exist today under desegregation.

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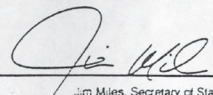
Office of Secretary of State Jim Miles Certificate of Incorporation, Nonprofit Corporation

I, Jim Miles, Secretary of State of South Carolina hereby certify that:

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME, a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of South Carolina on August 24th, 1992, and having a perpetual duration unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed a Declaration and Petition for Incorporation of a nonprofit corporation for Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purpose.

Now, therefore, I Jim Miles, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter 31, Title 33, Code of 1976 and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by Chapter 31, Title 33, Code of 1976 and Acts amendatory thereto.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina this 26th day of August, 1992.


 Jim Miles, Secretary of State



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HALL OF FAME SMILE



BART BOATWRIGHT / Staff

From left, Earnest Brock, Bill Thompson, John McCarroll, Alfred Leamon and Clyde Mayes were inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame Saturday night in Greenville. The association was formed to preserve the history of athletic programs at Greenville's former black high schools: Sterling, Washington, Beck, Bryson and Lincoln.

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Piedmont Athletic Association Hall Of Fame

Est. 1991

The expressed purpose of the Hall of Fame is to preserve and promote the history of five former high school athletic programs in Greenville County. Pursuing this purpose the Hall of Fame recognize those former high school athletes, coaches, and supporters of Sterling, Bryson, Lincoln, Washington and Beck high schools. Selection into the Hall of Fame is to honor those who, by their accomplishments in high school and service to sports, continue to bring honor to our communities, city, state and nation.

Scholarship

The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame award \$1,000 dollars to graduating senior athlete(s) each year that has earned two varsity letters (and other criteria) in high school, and enrolled in college.

Contributions

The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame is organized and incorporated under the state laws of South Carolina; a Federal Tax exempt non-profit organization and is also registered with the S.C. Secretary of State Office.

Membership is primary a gift of financial support for the furtherance of the Hall Of Fame purpose. All members will be kept informed of the Hall of Fame activities and Induction Banquet.

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