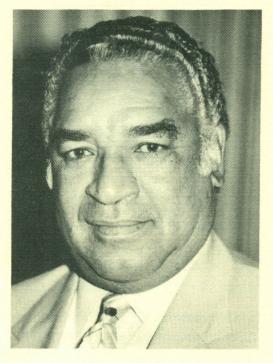
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE NATIONAL "W" CLUB

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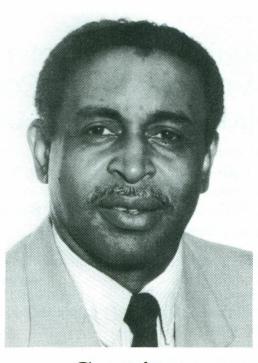
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SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

HOMECOMING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997 8:30 A.M.

GOLDSTON DINING ROOM





Greetings from the National "W" Club President

The West Virginia State College National "W" Club Association is pleased to greet you on this very special occasion. This year we celebrate the 21st anniversary of the National "W" Club and the 18th anniversary of the Sports Hall of Fame. (See "A Brief History of the 'W' Club" on page 2).

One coach and three athletes are being honored today. Their credentials are outstanding and they are well deserving of induction into the Hall of Fame.

We also honor and dedicate the Hall of Fame program to Dr. Vincent E. Reed. Vince is recovering from a stroke that he incurred shortly after Homecoming 1996. He is a very valuable member of the West Virginia State College family. We all wish him Godspeed towards a full recovery.

The National "W" Club continues to work very hard in order to provide scholarships to deserving athletes and other support to the Athletic Department. Without your contributions most of these students would not have the opportunity to attend college. Your support to our scholarship program, which now is over \$200,000.00, helps to make our goal attainable. <u>REMEMBER YOUR</u> <u>SUPPORT IS FOR THE STUDENTS</u> and with Federal cutbacks in education they need our support more than ever.

Sincerely,

Henry R. Bellinger President

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE NATIONAL "W" CLUB

On a fall West Virginia Sunday morning in 1975, the day after West Virginia State's Homecoming, a group of West Virginia State College alumni met in a Charleston, West Virginia hotel. The agenda was to brainstorm as to how to raise funds for athletics as well as restore athletics to the status of previous years. The open discussion was chaired by Attorney William Lonesome, an alumnus of the school and a very distinguished leader.

After several hours of discussion, it was decided that a National "W" club would be formed to raise funds for athletic programs.

A year later, in 1976, a meeting was held the night before the Homecoming game to formally establish a new National "W" Club.

The first officers of the National "W" Club elected at the 1976 meeting were: Dr. Frank E. Enty, president; Rupert G. Curry, vice president; Herbert B. Thompson, treasurer and Herbert H. Henderson, attorney/secretary.

Attorney Herbert Henderson was assigned the responsibility of acquiring corporate status for the organization. The hard, long, pro-bono legal work of Mr. Henderson gained corporate status for the National "W" Club in 1978. The incorporators were Dr. Frank E. Enty, Rupert Curry, Herbert B. Thompson, William L. Lonesome, and Herbert Henderson.

Washington, DC was selected as the home base for the National "W" Club.

The "W" Club has two chapters. The Institute Chapter and the Shennandoah Chapter which is located in Martinsburg, WV. Both chapters are instrumental in the success of the National "W" Club.

Herbert Thompson wrote the first by-laws for the National "W" Club.

In 1979, at a "W" Club Homecoming meeting, Mr. Glover Smiley proposed the establishing of an Athletic Hall of Fame. It was voted on and passed by the membership. The first Hall of Famers were inducted in 1980. They were: Chester A. Burris; Mark H. Cardwell; Samuel A. Gamble; Vasco D. Hale; Adolph P. Hamblin; Louis R. W. Johnson; Earl Lloyd; Floyd Meadows; Roderick L. Price and Marvin H. Richardson.

Former presidents of the National "W" Club are Dr. Frank Enty, Rupert Curry, Vandy Miller and Madison Broadnax. In 1990, Henry R. Bellinger was elected to the presidency.

On October 13, 1990, the WVSC Sports Hall of Fame, dedicated to Coach Mark H. Cardwell, was opened. This facility located in the Canty House on the campus of West Virginia State College, showcases academic and athletic triumphs of West Virginia State College athletes.

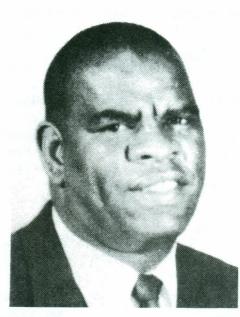
PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies						
National Anthem		Audience				
Invocation						
Welcome						
Greetings						
"W" Club Student Athletic Awards						
Outstanding Freshman Athlete	Keith Fout	FEMALE Becky Tompa Amanda Ball Leeann Lovejoy				
Outstanding Senior Athlete	Karim Anderson	Karla Bryant				
Rotary Academic Achievement Awards Dr. Charles T. Ledbetter Recipients Stuart Grimes Leeann Lovejoy						
Introduction of Inductees—						
INTRODUCERS	INDUCTEES					
Mr. Wayne D. Casey Dr. Marvin D. Mills Mr. Michael C. Belmear Mr. Linwood Greene, Jr.	Mr. Lamont M. Aheart Mr. Samuel W. Bacote Mr. Horace E. Belmear Mr. Linwood Greene, Sr.					
National "W" Club Achievement Award	Mr. H	enry R. Bellinger*				
Special Recognition						
Special Recognition						
In Remembrance						
Memorial Prayer						
Contributions						
Ceremony Continues at the Canty House						

. Mr. Henry R. Bellinger* Induction Ceremony Alma Mater

*Denotes Hall of Famers

IN MEMORIAM



Clarence "Bump" Clark

Lamont (Monty) Maurice Aheart

Class of 1970



Lamont Aheart was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The family moved to Institute, WV shortly after he was born because his father accepted a teaching position in the Math department

at West Virginia State College in 1948. Monty began his early education at Institute Elementary School and finished at St. Albans High School.

At St. Albans High School he lettered in football, baseball, basketball, and track. He was also captain of all of these sports his senior year. Monty was awarded "Athlete of the Year" with an honorable mention as a high school All-American. When he graduated, he was one of only two athletes in the history of the school to letter in four sports in the same year.

During his four year reign at West Virginia State College, he lettered in football and baseball each year and was captain of both teams in his senior year. He played several positions on the baseball team and played for Hall of Fame Coach Grant Gray and Coach Dick Tredway. Monty was one of the premier power-hitters in the conference and played with Hall of Famer Calvin Bailey. During the 1968-69 football season, State was champion of the WVIAC Conference with a 9-1 record (the last team to win the championship). State was #1 in the conference in rushing with three players in the top ten—Ed Lee was third, Charles Ellis was fifth and he was sixth. He was also second in the conference in scoring, first in kickoff returns with an average of 29.3 yards per carry and first in punt returns with an average of 17.9 yards per carry. State was predicted to repeat as conference champs in the 1969-70 season as they jumped out to a 6-0 record. But an unfortunate mid-season injury ended his career early and State finished the season 6-4. Lamont also played football with Hall of Famers Harlan Price and Alden Sheets.

Monty now resides in Vernon Connecticut with his wife, Peggy, and two children, Robert (11) and Elizabeth (9). He is also a proud grandfather. His eldest son, Lamont, resides in North Hills, California with his wife and two children. Monty is Vice President of Housing and Facilities Management with the Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford, Inc. He is also a Little League coach and umpire as well as a basketball, softball and soccer coach for boys and girls ages 6-12.



Samuel W. Bacote Class of 1959

Samuel Bacote was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 24, 1936. He graduated from B. T. Washington High in Atlanta and came to West Virginia State College to begin his journey to higher education.

While at West Virginia State, he was captain of the tennis team from 1956-59. Sam was known for his powerful serve and backhand. He spent much of his time working with other players on the team in order to improve the team strength "down the line." His senior year, the team won the state championship at Olgebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Sam has received many honors and awards for his tennis ability including Men's Singles Champion from 1957-1967. He also won a national tennis title in the Jr. Doubles in 1954.

He is a member of Friendship Baptist Church, Young Men's Christian Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Atlanta Association of Educators, Georgia Association Educators, National Education Association, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Kappa Boule).

Sam is married and the father of three children.



Horace E. Belmear Class of 1940

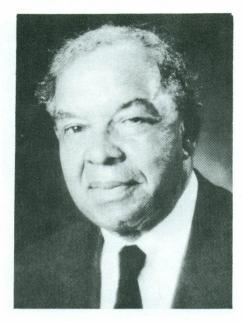
Horace came to West Virginia State College in 1936 on a basketball scholarship. After two games he was given a physical and told he had a heart murmur and had to quit basketball. The other sport he participated in was baseball. He was able to continue playing baseball in spite of his physical condition.

Upon his graduation from WVSC in 1940, he knew he wanted to remain active in sports and so he became a coach at Dunbar High School in Fairmont, WV. He coached football, basketball, track, and baseball. He was affectionately known as "Coach" to all his players who admired and respected him greatly. One of his students wrote in the D.H.S. Sport Review Newsletter, "Mr. Belmear, though truly a coach, never has an unshaven face, sloppy coat, baggy pants, and scuffed shoes so often observed in coaches. On the contrary, a knife-like seam, a natty tie, and an immaculate shirt set off a well tailored suit and make the boys proud to say, 'That's our coach.'"

Mr. Belmear was inducted into the West Virginia University School of Physical Education's Hall of Fame making him the first black to be selected.

Horace is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He is married, has three children and is the proud grandfather of six grandsons.



Linwood "BabyBoy" Greene, Sr.

Linwood "BabyBoy" Greene, Sr. is a product of Portsmouth, Virginia, where he starred and lettered in football and basketball at I. C. Norcom High School. One of BabyBoy's proudest moments was his selection as First Team All State in football for both his offensive and defensive skills, including his punting duties extra points after touchdowns, attempted field goals and punt returns. BabyBoy was also All-State in basketball. He was among the first class of inductees in the Norcom Hall of Fame in 1987.

In the fall of 1945, Mr. Greene entered West Virginia State College which was also Mark H. Cardwell's first year as coach. Mr. Greene gained acclaim from the very first pass, throwing for 60 yards and a touchdown. Greene, known for passing accuracy, also handled the punting, field goal attempts, and extra points, labeling him as a "triple threat." He led WVSC to a conference title including a victory over Morgan State College, a team which had not lost in five years. Greene and his team mates toppled undefeated Virginia State College in his tossing a 99 yard touchdown pass in the final minute. "State" won a conference title that year and BabyBoy's skills were rewarded by being selected as a freshman to both the CIAA and Pittsburgh Courier All-American Teams.

Mr. Greene, a life member of the National WVSC Alumni, is married to the former Dorothy Smith. They have six children and many grandchildren.

MEMBERS OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEE	CLASS	INDUCTED	INDUCTEE	CLASS	INDUCTED
Archie, William B.	1954	1990	Griffin, James S.		1993
Bailey, James A.	1950	1982	Hale, Vasco D.	1940	1980
Bailey, Calvin L.	1972	1985	Hamblin, Adolph P. (Coach) (De	ec.)	1980
Bates, John M.	1937	1982	Hamilton, Dave	1969	1994
Bates, Pervis M.	1939	1981	Harvey, Harold N. (Dec.)	1936	1982
Baugh, Warren T.	1950	1988	Hawkins, Robert (Dec.)	1954	1990
Bellinger, Henry R.	1960	1985	Henderson, Herbert H.	1953	1983
Boone, James L (Dec.)	1955	1989	Holden, Alyce R.	1938	1996
Bowles, Joseph (Dec.)	1942	1988	Horn, John W.	1943	1990
Broadnax, Madison	1940	1989	Housen, Jack H.	1948	1987
Brown, Dallas C. Sr. (Dec.)	1923	1996	Israel, Isaiah	1938	1985
Brown, Dandridge D. (Dec.)	1923	1989	Jackson, William S. (Dec.)	1937	1981
Burghart, William F. (Coach) (Dee	c.) 1936	1981	Jefferson, Frederick D.	1946	1991
Burney, William L.	1950	1991	Jenkins, Drewie G.	1938	1992
Burris, Chester A. (Dec.)	1948	1980	Johnson, Ernest E. (Dec.)	1934	1993
Burroughs, Knute W.	1937	1982	Johnson, Louis R. W. (Dec.)	1940	1980
Busch, Elaine S.	1953	1996	Jones, Cornelious "Papa"	1968	1993
Cannaday, Irvin Jr. (Coach)	1950	1995	Jones, Hubert L. (Dec.)	1939	1987
Cardwell, Mark H. (Coach) (Dec.)	1925	1980	Justice, Franklin P., Jr.	1967	1992
Carey, Malva J.	1975	1985	LeFever, William R.	1964	1995
Carter, Hazo W. Jr. (Honorary)		1995	Lloyd, Earl	1950	1980
Casey, Wayne D.	1968	1994	Lynch, Wesley J.	1943	1990
Casto, Steven Bryce	1981	1993	Majette, Milton L. (Dec.)	1948	1993
Christian, Horace B.	1959	1988	McLeod, Ronald M.	1960	1993
Clark, Benjamin F.	1933	1983	Meadows, Floyd (Dec.)	1937	1980
Clark, Clarence	1950	1982	Middleton, Fred D.	1947	1983
Corbin, E. Adelbert	1940	1984	Miller, Vandy L.	1954	1986
Crawford, Everett G.	1927	1990	Miller, Morena G.	1955	1989
Curry, Rupert G.	1953	1987	Miller, Samuel	1951	1991
Davis, Frank Maxie (Dec.)	1948	1988	Mills, Marvin D. (Coach)	1947	1994
Davis, Robert A. (Dec.)	1948	1986	Moore, William George (Dec.)	1924	1983
Diggs, Robert P.	1931	1987	Moore, Paul J. (Coach) (Dec.)		1990
Dillard, Clyde	1950	1987	Moore, Oscar A. (Dec.)	1934	1981
Edwards, Ernest E.	1932	1989	Morris, James G.	1954	1985
Ellis, Oliver (Dec.)	1951	1984	Nunn, William "Bill"	1948	1990
Enty, Frank E.	1950	1992	Palmer, Daniel B. (Dec.)	1931	1992
Farmer, Samuel J. (Dec.)	1930	1990	Peters, Joseph C.	1948	1987
Ferguson, Daniel L. Jr., (Dec.)	1947	1994	Preston, James D.	1939	1990
Froe, Dreyfus W.	1929	1984	Price, Roderick L. (Dec.)	1937	1980
Gallion, Michael L.	1964	1991	Reed, Vincent E.	1952	1983
Gamble, Samuel A.	1947	1980	Richardson, Marvin H. (Dec.)	1937	1980
Gaskin, James C.	1939	1988	Robinson, William J.	1937	1981
Gilliam, Joseph W.	1952	1987	Rockhold, Clayton D.		1993
Gilmore, Johnny D.		1996	Ross, Ellis L.	1933	1993
Gough, Joseph "Pepe" (Dec.)	1925	1995	Sales, John C.	1950	1995
Gray, Grant S. (Coach)		1993	Saunders, Emmett B., Jr.	1943	1991
Greene, Oliver (Dec.)	1931	1982	Saunders, Harry (Dec.)	1929	1984

(Dec.) indicates deceased inductee

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

INDUCTEE	20×10	CLASS	INDUCTED	INDUCTEE	CLASS	INDUCTED
Scott, James L. (De	ec.)	1934	1983	Taylor, Robert Paul	1951	1989
Shannon, Oliver T.	(Dec.)	1929	1988	Thomas, Paul W.	1950	1986
Sheets, Alden		1971	1994	Thompson, Carroll U. (Dec.)	1935	1984
Smiley, Glover L.,	Jr.	1977	1992	VanHargis, Clifford	1938	1993
Smith, Robert L.		1947	1987	Wares, James T. (Dec.)	1933	1984
Smith, Wendell (D	ec.)	1937	1994	Watson, Norman E. (Dec.)	1939	1986
Smith, Willie B.		1954	1986	Whitted, Palmer D. Sr. (Dec.)	1931	1985
Spencer, Betty C.		1967	1996	Wickliffe, Edward V.	1950	1981
Starling, Edward M	l. (Dec.)	1951	1986	Wilkerson, James A. (Dec.)	1928	1992
Starling, Carl (Dec.)	1946	1990	Williams, Jerry B.	1951	1989
Stewart, Colston R.	Jr. (Dec.)	1934	1983	Wilson, James C. (Coach) (Dec.)	1946	1989
Swanson, John E.		1944	1988	Wilson, Robert	1950	1983

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

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

REFRAIN:

West Virginia's praise we'll sing— Lift our voices 'til heavens ring— As we gaily march along— We'll sing a song— For Alma Mater How we love her Pride of all our loyal hearts— From her we will never part— Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few Alma Mater we love you.

We'll love her more as days go by, And send her praises to the sky; To place her over all the rest, And keep her e'er the dearest and the best.

Shadowed 'neath a deep blue sky; Is STATE for whom we'll live and we'll die— Arise! O men of God and sing; We're loyal, and to her we'll always cling.

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