

# ASHOF Inductee Profiles

## Class of 1959

**Bill Dickey** – Dickey was a catcher for the New York Yankees from 1928-46. He was born June 6, 1907, Bastrop, LA, later moved to Kensett, Arkansas, and was signed by the Yankees in 1925 from the Little Rock City League. He played with Muskogee, Little Rock, Jackson, and Buffalo before going to the big leagues. Dickey had a lifetime batting average of .313 and played in 8 World Series and 11 All-Star Games. He was the manager of the Yankees in 1946 and in Little Rock in 1947 and was the Yankees coach in 1949. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1954.

**Jim Lee Howell** – Howell played pro football with the New York Giants. He was a Lonoke native who lettered in football and basketball from 1933-36 at the University of Arkansas and was All-SWC in basketball in 1936. He played 12 years of pro football with the Giants, then became head coach of the Giants in 1954. He also served the New York organization as a scout and manager. While head coach of the Giants, two of his assistants were Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry.

**Ivan Grove** – Grove, an all-around athlete and former Hendrix coach, was born in Denver, CO in 1894. He participated in all of the major sports at Tulsa's Henry Kendall College, earning all-conference honors in football, basketball, track, and baseball. He was an All-American football selection in 1916. Grove coached at Oklahoma Baptist prior to joining the Hendrix staff in 1924.

**Hazel Walker** – Walker was an 11-time All-American basketball player and was born in Ashdown in 1914. She became a national AAU standout with Tulsa Business College in 1934, an All-American performer with the El Dorado Oilers in 1935-36, and played with the Little Rock Lewis and Norwood Flyers until 1945. Walker managed and played with her own professional team "The Arkansas Travelers". She is a member of Helms National Hall of Fame and was Inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.

**Wear Schoonover** – Arkansas's first football All-American, Schoonover was a native of Pocahontas. He won 10 varsity letters at Arkansas in football, basketball, track, and baseball. He was a two-time All-SWC basketball selection and was selected to Collier's All-America team in 1929 as an end. Schoonover was also a top scholar with a 3.85 GPA.

## Class of 1960

**Jim Benton** – Benton was an All-America end at Arkansas in 1937. He was born in Carthage in 1916 and reared at Fordyce. During his Razorback career from 1934-37, Benton caught 83 passes for 1,303 yards. He later became an All-Pro end with the Cleveland Rams in 1945-1946. He was only the second player in NFL history to surpass the 1,000 mark in receiving in a season. He coached at Fordyce High School in 1941 and returned to the Rams in 1942. Benton was with the champion Chicago Bears in 1943, but returned to the Rams in 1944 through 1947. He coached Arkansas A&M (UA-Monticello) to the AIC title in 1953.

**Travis Jackson** – Jackson, who was born at Waldo in 1903, was the shortstop for the New York Giants from 1922 through 1936. He became the Giants regular shortstop at age 20 in 1923. Jackson hit 21 home runs in 1929 and played in four World Series. He hit .300 or better for six seasons and had a lifetime average of .291. He also served as a minor league manager. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1982.

**Jimmy Haygood** – Haygood, a native of Hustburg, TN, was a pioneer of Henderson State athletics. He quarterbacked a team at Vanderbilt, then coached football, baseball, basketball, and track at Henderson, serving as the school's Athletic Director from 1907-1924. During his 17 years as head coach of the Reddie football team, he led them to 4 state championships (1907-1910). Haygood was inducted into the Reddie Hall of Honor in 1997.

**John Barnhill** – Barnhill was a coach and athletic director at Arkansas. Prior to his coaching career, Barnhill won nine letters as an all-around

athlete at Tennessee from 1925 through 1928. He coached for three years at Bristol, TN and was the Tennessee head coach from 1941-45. He compiled a 32-5-2 record at Tennessee and led the school to two bowl games. Barnhill arrived at Arkansas in 1946; and as coach, he tied for the SWC title in 1946 and led Arkansas to the 1947 Cotton Bowl. He had a 22-17-3 record at Arkansas in four years. He became athletic director in 1950 and was the driving force behind turning Arkansas into a winning program.

**Don Hutson** – Hutson, a Pine Bluff native, became an All-Pro selection nine times with the Green Bay Packers. He was a standout student performer at Pine Bluff High School in 1929-30 and an All-American selection at Alabama in 1934. Hutson set numerous records with Green Bay from 1935 through 1945, catching 488 passes for 7,991 yards and 99 touchdowns. Don was the first player in NFL history to surpass the 1,000 yard mark in receiving in a season. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and was chosen as an AP "All-Time All-America."

**Steve Creekmore Sr.** – Creekmore, a native of Van Buren, was an Arkansas quarterback and the state golf champion. He starred in football and baseball at Arkansas from 1907 through 1910. He won the state golf championship 4 times from 1930 through 1933 and was state runner-up in 1937 and 1941. He played on the US Senior golf teams in England, Scotland, Sweden, and France.

## Class of 1961

**Morley Jennings** – Jennings, born in Michigan in 1890, was the former Ouachita Baptist football and baseball coach. He was a three-sport star at Albion College from 1908-12. He played professional baseball at Knoxville from 1912-15. Jennings started his collegiate coaching career at Ouachita in 1912, producing a 67-13-12 record through the 1925 season. He was the Baylor Head Coach in 1926-40 and later a professor of physical education at Texas Tech.

**Earl Quigley** – Quigley was a nationally known, legendary football

and track coach at Little Rock High School, coaching the Tigers from 1914 through 1946. In 22 years, his football teams won 149 games, lost 56 and tied 11. In 1926-46, his track teams won 97 consecutive meets and 18 state championships. Quigley also coached baseball and basketball from 1916-30. He later served as business manager of the Arkansas Travelers and was inducted into the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Lon Warneke** – Warneke was born in Mount Ida in 1909 and became an outstanding pitcher for the Cubs and Cardinals from 1930-45. He compiled a pitching record of 192-121. Warneke led the National League in 1932 with a 22-6 record and an earned-run average of 2.37. He struck out 1,140 batters in his career, and pitched in two World Series and five All-Star Games. He later became a major league umpire, who was called the "Arkansas Hummingbird."

**Paul Runyan** – Runyan, born in Hot Springs in 1908, became a professional golf champion. He turned golf pro in 1922 and won more than 40 tournaments. In 1934 and 1938, Runyan won the PGA Championship and became a member of golf's Hall of Fame in 1959. He was a five-time member of the prestigious Ryder Cup team and taught professionally after his active retirement.

**Hugo Bezdek** – Bezdek was the Arkansas football coach from 1908 through 1912. He was born in Prague, Bohemia, in 1884, received baseball and football letters at the University of Chicago from 1902-06, and was an All-America selection. Bezdek produced a five-year record of 29-13-1 while at Arkansas and pushed for Southwest Conference membership for the Razorbacks. He coached at Oregon from 1913-17, at Penn State from 1918-29, and for the Cleveland Rams from 1937-38. Bezdek also managed Pittsburgh in baseball's National League from 1917-19.

## Class of 1962

**John Tucker** – Tucker, born in Russellville in 1901, was a former Arkansas Tech athlete and coach

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from 1919-47. He was a member of the original Wonder Boys, which had a 31-3-4 record from 1919-24. He was all-state for three years, scoring 461 points. Tucker quarterbacked Alabama to the Rose Bowl in 1930. He was the Head Coach at Tech from 1933-47, compiling a 77-18-8 record, which included three undefeated teams. Tucker is also a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame.

**Carey Selph** – Selph, a Donaldson native, born in 1902, quarterbacked the Ouachita Baptist team and played pro baseball. Selph was the captain of his Arkadelphia high school team and played at Ouachita Baptist from 1922-25. He signed a pro baseball contract in 1926, playing for Fort Smith, Syracuse, and Houston. As a second baseman, Selph hit over .300 for five seasons at Houston. He served as player-manager in 1933-34, leading Houston to the Texas League pennant.

**John Henry (Rube) Roberson** – Roberson, born in Floyd in 1889, had a baseball career as a pitcher that covered 22 years. He signed his first professional contract in 1908 and reached the major leagues with Pittsburgh in 1911. He won 40 games for the Pirates and Cardinals in 1912-15. He joined the New York Yankees for one year and later pitched for Little Rock in 1916-17 and 1919-27, winning 26 games in 1920 and 1922. He spent part of 1923 with New Orleans and part of 1928 with the Arkansas Travelers. He retired after his 1929 season with Atlanta, with a career record of 304-222.

**Lynwood (Schoolboy) Rowe** – Rowe was born in Waco, Texas, in 1910, but was an all-sports standout at El Dorado High School. Rowe was All-State in football, basketball, and track in 1931, and was a major league pitcher for 15 years. Rowe had a 105-62 record with Detroit from 1933-42. He also pitched for Brooklyn and Philadelphia. Rowe had a career record of 158-101, had a 16-game win streak, and pitched in the 1935 and 1940 World Series.

**Ray Winder** – Winder was born in Indian Springs, IN, and was best known as the Arkansas Traveler's general manager. Winder started his career in Chickasha, OK., in 1921

and operated clubs in Joplin, Missouri, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Knoxville, Tennessee, Montgomery, Alabama, and Little Rock. He was associated with the Travelers from 1915-1965. He won four pennants and fought to keep organized baseball in the state, despite many losing seasons. Little Rock's Ray Winder Field, longtime home of the Arkansas Travelers, was named for him.

## Class of 1963

**Dutch Harrison** – Harrison, whose real name was Ernie Joe, was born in Conway in 1910 and was a PGA golfer and a Ryder Cup team member. Harrison turned professional in 1930 and won PGA tournaments from coast to coast, including the All-America in 1956. He also won the Texas Open twice, the Miami Open, Hawaiian Open, and the Canadian Open. He was the Vardon Trophy winner in 1954 and was a three-time member of the Ryder Cup teams from 1947-51. He was a senior champion and a club pro.

**George Cole** – Cole served in three roles at the University of Arkansas - player, coach, and athletic director. He was born in Bauxite in 1906 and was a sprinter in track and a quarterback in football at Arkansas. Cole scored 185 points from 1925-27 and was named All-SWC in 1927. He also lettered in baseball. He coached at Warren High School, College of the Ozarks, and returned to Arkansas in 1934, becoming the Arkansas Head Coach in 1942 after serving as an assistant under four coaches.

**Clyde "Smackover" Scott** – Scott was born in Dixie, LA, but grew up in Smackover. He was a high school all-state performer in 1940-42 and was All-Southern for two years. Scott was the state track champion in 1943 in the high and low hurdles, 100-yard dash, broad jump, and javelin. Scott was a three-time All-Southwest Conference football performer at Arkansas and an All-American in 1948. He was the Neil Martin Trophy winner in 1947 and was considered the fastest man in college football during his playing days. He played professional football with the Philadelphia Eagles from 1949-52. He also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high

hurdles at the 1948 Olympics held in London.

**Russell May** – May was a Little Rock and Arkansas standout in football and track. He was the pole vault champion at Little Rock High from 1907-10 and also participated in the shot put and broad jump. May was the fullback on Little Rock High's 1909 championship football team. While at Arkansas, May was selected All-Southern, All-Western, and an "All-Time All-Star" by the New York Sun in 1935. He lettered in track and football from 1910-13.

## Class of 1964

**Julius Petty** – Petty, a native of England, AR, was a national trap shooting champion. He was named by Field and Stream Magazine to its All-America team for eight years and once shot 543 consecutive targets without a miss. Petty won the World Open title (1945, 1948), was a Grand National Champion, won the North American Clay Target title, and was a National Singles Champion. In 1954, he led all registered shooters in the country on 2000 targets with a .9890 average.

**Bill Carr** – Carr, born in Pine Bluff in 1909, was an Olympic Gold Medal winner in 1932 and was a standout sprinter and jumper at Pine Bluff High School. He was track captain at Mercersburg Academy in 1927-28. While at the University of Pennsylvania, he set records in the National AAU and NCAA in the 400-meter and 440-yard dashes. In the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles, he won the 400-meter dash in a time of 46.2. Carr also ran anchor on the winning 1600-meter relay team.

**George Kell** – Kell was born in Swifton and was a major league third baseman for 15 years. Kell signed a pro baseball contract in 1940 and reached the American League with Philadelphia in 1943. He played for Detroit (1946-1952), Boston, Chicago, and Baltimore. Kell won the AL batting crown in 1949 with a .343 average. He hit over .300 nine times, with a lifetime average of .307. Kell played in ten All-Star Games before retiring after the 1957 season. George served as the television voice of the Detroit Tigers for 37 years and

was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1983.

**Dan Estes** – Estes was born in Carrollton in 1888. He played on Arkansas' undefeated football team in 1909 and also participated in basketball, baseball, and the shot put in track. Estes coached at Warren High School in 1912, Arkansas State Teachers College in 1915, and after serving in World War I, returned to Teachers to coach all sports. Estes Stadium at the University of Central Arkansas bears his name.

**Glen Rose** – Rose was a native of North Little Rock and a former player and coach at Arkansas. He was a three-time All-SWC basketball selection from 1926-1928 and made All-SWC in football in 1927. Rose served as an assistant coach at Arkansas from 1929-1932 and was the head basketball coach from 1933-42, winning five SWC titles. Rose also served as the Arkansas business manager (1946-48). He coached at Stephen F. Austin College (1948-51), then returned to Arkansas as coach in 1952, staying 14 years. Rose had an overall record of 328-203.

## Class of 1965

**J.L. (Nick) Carter** – Carter was born at Bluff City in 1892 and starred in football, basketball, and track at Fordyce High School. At Arkansas in 1913, he lettered in football and baseball, transferring to Ouachita Baptist in 1914. Carter quarterbacked OBU for three years; and during that span, his teams lost only once to an Arkansas team – and that team was the Arkansas Razorbacks. He was All-State at Ouachita for three years and lettered in track and baseball. Carter also won three senior golf tournaments.

**Gordon Carpenter** – Carpenter was born in Ash Flat in 1919, and was a two-time All-State performer in high school and lettered three years while at Arkansas. He was also an All-SWC basketball selection in 1943. He played six seasons with the Phillips team and was named AAU All-America in 1943-47, scoring 2,366 points. He joined the Denver AAU team in 1948 and again was named an All-America in 1950. Carpenter was a Big Eight basketball official and

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was inducted into the Helms Hall of Fame in 1960.

**Tom Murphy** – Murphy was born near Jonesboro in 1909 and was an All-American basketball performer out of Batesville High School, playing in the national tournament in Chicago in 1927. While at Arkansas, Murphy lettered three years in basketball and was twice named All-SWC. He also lettered 3 years in football, making All-SWC in 1933. He was also a track standout at Arkansas in 1932. Murphy coached at Little Rock Catholic from 1935-39 and at Henderson College from 1939-41.

**Paul (Bear) Bryant** – Bryant was born in Kingsland, Arkansas, in 1913 and went on to become the winningest coach in NCAA history with 323 wins. He was a standout performer with Fordyce High School teams from 1928-30. He played end for Alabama teams that had a 32-3-2 record from 1933-35 and played in the Rose Bowl. Bryant was an assistant coach at Alabama (1936) and Vanderbilt (1949). He landed his first head coaching job at Maryland in 1945 and later coached at Kentucky (1946-53), Texas A&M (1954-57) and Alabama (1958). He won SWC and Southeastern Conference titles and his teams played in 11 bowl games. His Crimson Tide teams won six national championships ('61-64-65-73-78-79); and he was the National Coach of the Year three times, as well as Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year eight times.

## Class of 1966

**Johnny Sain** – Sain was born in Havana in 1917, signed a pro baseball contract in 1936, and later became an All-Star pitcher in the major leagues. He pitched for Osceola, Newport, and Nashville before going to the Boston Braves in 1942. He won 24 games in 1948. In 1951, he joined the New York Yankees and stayed with the ball club until 1955. In 11 major league seasons, Sain had a record of 139-116. He had a 2-2 record in four World Series appearances in 1948, 1951, 1952, and 1953. He played on the All-Star teams of 1947, 1948 and 1953. He was also the Yankees pitching coach.

**Quinnie Hamm Toler** – Toler was born near Sparkman in 1909 and was an All-America basketball player. She was the captain of the Sparkman High School team for four years (1927-30) and scored 114 points in one game and 1,245 for the season. Toler played for Crescent Junior College, Tulsa Business College, and the Shreveport Draughton team. She set national AAU tournament records in 1929-30 and was twice named All-America while with the high school Sparklers. She was called the “greatest women’s basketball player in the world” at the 1930 national tournament.

**Francis A. Schmidt** – Schmidt was a football coach at Tulsa, Arkansas, TCU, and Ohio State. He was born in Downs, Kansas, in 1885. He lettered in football and baseball at Nebraska in 1903-07. He later coached Arkansas City High School from 1907-13. He coached at Tulsa from 1919-21 and produced a record of 24-3-2. Schmidt coached at Arkansas for seven years and compiled a record of 42-20 from 1922-28. His basketball coaching record included four championships (1926-29), and his TCU teams twice won SWC titles both in football and basketball. He finished his career at Ohio State (1934-40) and Idaho (1941-44).

**Ken Kavanaugh** – Kavanaugh was born in Little Rock in 1916 and was an All-State performer in football and basketball. He became an All-American end at LSU (1937-1939) and a pro football standout. Kavanaugh later played eight years with the Chicago Bears and was All-Pro in 1946-47. He served as the end coach for Boston College and the New York Giants and was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

## Class of 1967

**Elwin (Preacher) Roe** – Roe, a native of Ash Flat in 1915, signed a contract with the baseball Cardinals in 1938 and played 17 years of pro baseball, boasting a career record of 127-84. Roe was with Pittsburgh four years (1944-47), striking out 148 batters in 1945. He was with Brooklyn in 1948-54, producing a 22-3 record in 1951. Roe pitched in three World Series (1949, 1952, 1953) and was a

five time All-Star. He played baseball and basketball at Harding College and also coached at Hardy and Melbourne.

**Frank Broyles** – Broyles was the longtime head football coach and Athletic Director at Arkansas. Born in Decatur, Georgia, in 1924, he earned 10 letters at Georgia Tech and was a Baylor assistant coach from 1947 until 1949. He was assistant coach at Florida (1950) and Georgia Tech (1951-56) and became the Missouri Head Coach in 1957. Broyles joined Arkansas in 1957 and took the Razorbacks to six bowl games in the next nine years. His Hogs won seven SWC titles (1959, 1960, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1968, and 1975). His 1964 team went 11-0 and won the National Championship. His 1964-65 squads won 22 straight games. Broyles’ overall record at Arkansas was 144-58-5, and he is the winningest coach in the school’s history.

**Thomas Freeman** – Freeman, a World Welterweight boxing champion, was born in Hot Springs in 1904. He won 144 bouts, lost 16, and had 17 draws in 177 professional fights from 1920-38 and had a string of 47 undefeated fights. Freeman beat Jack Thompson in 1930 for the World Welterweight title and successfully defended that title five times in three months before losing to Thompson in 1931. Freeman later fought as a middleweight in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

## Class of 1968

**Elmer Smith** – Smith was a Hendrix all-sports star and AIC football coach. He was born in Casa in 1907, played basketball and football at Danville, and was a four-sport letterman at Hendrix from 1927-31. Smith was the Hamburg High School coach from 1931-33 and became an assistant coach at Hendrix (1933-36) and at Centenary (1936-42). He was head coach at Southern State (1946-54), with an eight-year record of 57-27-2. His teams won AIC titles (1951, 1952), and he was an assistant coach at Texas A&M from 1954-68.

**Howard “Red” Hickey** – Hickey was a pro football coach and All-SWC selection at Arkansas. He was born in Hickeytown in 1917 and was an All-

State end at Clarksville High School in 1936. He was All-SWC in football in 1940 and All-SWC in basketball in 1940 and 1941. He played pro football with the Cleveland Rams in 1945 and the Los Angeles Rams in 1946-48. Hickey was an assistant coach for the Rams (1949-53), the head coach of the San Francisco 49ers (1959-63), and a Dallas Cowboy’s assistant coach in 1964-65.

**Gene (Sodie) Davidson** – Davidson was a quarterback at Arkansas from 1915-19. He was born in Hon in 1896, was a Fort Smith High School football star from 1912-14, and was also a standout in basketball and baseball. He was a four-year letterman at Arkansas and an All-SWC quarterback selection in 1919. Davidson played pro baseball in the Western Association with the Fort Smith club.

**John Howell (Bo) Rowland** – Rowland was a football coach at Henderson and Ouachita Baptist. He was born in Arkadelphia in 1903. Rowland lettered in three sports at Arkadelphia from 1916-19, Henderson-Brown in 1919-21, and at Vanderbilt in 1921-25. He coached at Henderson from 1925-31 and had a 53-9-3 record. He also coached Ouachita to a 9-1 record in 1931. Rowland coached at The Citadel, Oklahoma City, and George Washington University after assistant coaching jobs at Oklahoma, Syracuse, and Cornell. He had a career record of 100-44-5 in 16 years.

## Class of 1969

**Wally Moon** – Moon was a major league outfielder and coach. Moon was born in Bay in 1930 and lettered in basketball and baseball at Texas A&M in 1947-51. He signed a pro contract in 1950 and joined the St. Louis Cardinals in 1954. Moon hit .295 or better for 7 out of the 12 years he spent in the big leagues. He played with the Los Angeles Dodgers (1959-65) and in the World Series (1959, 1965). He also appeared in 2 All-Star Games (1957, 1959). Moon had a lifetime average of .289 during 1,457 games. He later coached at San Diego and was coach and athletic director at John Brown University.

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**Glen Rice** – Rice was a four-sport star at College of the Ozarks. Rice was born in Kuttawa, Kentucky, in 1908 and attended Dumas High School and was a four-year letterman in football, basketball, and track from 1922-25. He set javelin and broad jump records at College of the Ozarks from 1926-28. He also lettered in three other sports. Rice set the NCAA javelin record at the national meet in Chicago in 1928 and qualified for the Olympic tryouts at Harvard. He coached at Helena High School from 1929-31 and Dumas from 1931-35.

**Allen Dunaway** – Dunaway was the coach at Pine Bluff High School from 1924-39. A native of Conway, Dunaway played fullback at Arkansas A&M. He coached at Magnolia High School in 1923 and joined the Pine Bluff staff as an assistant in 1924. As head coach of the Zebras for 14 years, he compiled a record of 120-23-9. His Zebras defeated Baton Rouge in the Little Sugar Bowl (26-0), for the National Championship. Dunaway also coached basketball and track.

## Class of 1970

**Fred Thomsen** – Thomsen was a Nebraska native who was born in 1897 at Minden. He was a high school All-State selection and was a Nebraska letterman for three years in baseball, two in football, and one in track. Thomsen was the high school coach at Gothenburg, NE, in 1926, winning the state championship. He became an assistant at Arkansas in 1927 and was head coach from 1929-41. His Razorback teams set national passing records, and Thomsen had an overall record at Arkansas of 56-61-10 in 13 seasons.

**George Harper** – Harper was a major league outfielder from 1916-29. He was born in Arlington, Kentucky, in 1892 and played basketball and baseball at Fordyce High School. He was a player/manager for 23 years in pro baseball. Harper signed with Paris, Texas, in 1913 and joined the Detroit Tigers in 1916 for three years. After the war, he played with Cincinnati for three years, Philadelphia for three years, the New York Giants for two years and the Boston Braves for one year. Harper had a lifetime batting average of .303,

including a .349 in 1925. He either managed or played at El Dorado, Jackson, Augusta, and the Camden Naval Station when he was 60 years old.

**Melvin McGaha** – McGaha was a major league baseball manager. Born in Bastrop, LA., in 1926, he lettered in basketball and baseball at Mabelvale High School and lettered in football at Arkansas from 1944-48. He played pro basketball with the New York Knicks in 1948-49, signed a baseball contract in 1948 and pitched for Houston, Columbus, Shreveport, and Mobile, and lastly managed the Cleveland Indians and Kansas City in the 1960's.

**John (Duke) Wells** – Wells was an all-around athlete at Henderson, coach, and athletic director. He was born in Casco in 1914 and was a Gurdon High School football star, with an undefeated 1931 team. He also played on three championship Henderson football teams from 1932-35. He was a two-time All-AIC selection in basketball and played pro baseball from 1933-38. He was an assistant coach at Hot Springs and Camden, before becoming coach in 1941. In 20 years, his football teams compiled a record of 73-61-11, winning AIC titles in football and baseball. Wells became Henderson's Athletic Director in 1962.

## Class of 1971

**Eddie Hamm** – Hamm was an Olympic record holder in 1928. He was a native of Lonoke and was a track star in four events in 1923-24. He broad jumped 25-6 at Georgia Tech and won the 100 and 200-meter dashes in record times in the SEC in 1928-30. During state meet competition, he competed in the Olympic tryouts in Chicago and made the team. He jumped 26 feet in the 1928 Olympics, but the jump was not allowed. He then jumped 25-4-3/4 and set an Olympic record.

**Wilson Matthews** – Matthews was an Arkansas Tech football player and an outstanding coach in the Little Rock system. He was born in Atkins in 1921, lettered four years at Atkins, and was twice all-state. He was All-AIC at Arkansas Tech from 1940-42. He played at Arkansas (1942),

Monticello A&M, and with the Marine football team. As the Little Rock High School football coach, Matthews compiled a record a 111-15-3, winning 10 state championships and producing a 33-game win streak. He was an Arkansas assistant coach from 1958-71 and was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1996. His likeness is part of the coveted "Broyles Award," which goes to the nation's top assistant coach in college football.

**Franklin (Swede) McCormack** – McCormack was a standout Hendrix athlete from 1926-28. He was born in Malvern in 1904 and became an all-sports star for the school in 1920-22. McCormack was an All-State end at Hendrix in 1926-27 and All-Southern in 1927. He held collegiate records in the 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, and the broad-jump for Arkansas colleges. He later served for seven years as a member of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission from 1949-56.

**Pat Summerall** – Summerall, a native of Lake City, Florida, was a Razorback standout in the early 1950's and later became a well-known place kicker in the NFL. He played for Detroit (1952), the Chicago Cardinals (1953-57), and the New York Giants (1958-61). His best year was 1959 when he scored 90 points on 30 of 30 extra points and 20 of 29 field goals. Pat later went into broadcasting, serving as a play-by-play announcer for CBS and Fox (40 years). Pat teamed up with John Madden for 22 years to form the most recognizable broadcast team in history, working 26 Super Bowls. He also worked the Masters and United States Open for CBS.

**Foy Hammons** – Hammons was an all-sports standout and a coach. Born in 1894. Hammons attended Little Rock High School and participated in football, basketball, and track. He attended Jonesboro A&M in 1913-15 and was All-State in football and basketball. He also attended Indiana (1916). Hammons was head coach at Jonesboro A&M (1919-20), Pine Bluff High School (1921-25), Ouachita Baptist (1926-28), Monticello A&M (1931), and Hope High School (1934-45). His Pine Bluff teams won 5 state titles, and his Ouachita teams won

titles in 1926 and '27. His record at Hope was 92-43-4.

## Class of 1972

**Dave Hanner** – Hanner was a player and coach with the Green Bay Packers. He was born near Parkin in 1930 and was an All-State football player at Parkin High School in 1947. He was a two-time All-SWC guard for Arkansas in 1950-51 and joined the Green Bay Packers in 1952, playing for 13 seasons. He was a member of the World Championship teams of 1961 and 1962. Hanner was an All-Pro tackle five times. In 1965 he became an assistant coach with the Packers.

**Boyd Cypert** – Cypert was an Arkansas quarterback and a pro baseball player. He was born in Little Rock in 1889 and played third base for the Arkansas Razorbacks in 1910-12. He signed a pro baseball contract in 1913 and played briefly in the major leagues in 1914. He was a football standout from 1910-12 and an athletic business manager from 1933-40. Cypert helped to form the first Arkansas football official's organization.

**Maurice (Footsie) Britt** – Britt was an Arkansas football and basketball star. Born in Carlisle in 1919, he lettered in track, basketball, and football at Lonoke High School for four years (1933-37). He was a football letterman at Arkansas in 1938-40 and lettered in basketball in 1939. Britt was an honorable mention All-American and played one year with the Detroit Lions. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II and was elected Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas in 1966.

**Charles McClendon** – McClendon was the Louisiana State University football coach. He was born in Lewisville in 1924, attended Magnolia A&M, and played football in 1946-47. He also played at Kentucky in 1948-50 and went to two bowl games. McClendon worked as an assistant coach at Kentucky, Vanderbilt, and LSU. He became the LSU head coach in 1962; and in 10 seasons, went to eight bowl games, winning six. Among his major

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accomplishments was a "National Coach of the Year" award.

## Class of 1973

**Ray Hamilton** – Hamilton was a standout football player at Arkansas. Born in Sheridan in 1916, he received three basketball letters at Sheridan (1931-34) and one letter in football. He also participated in the broad-jump and shot put in track. At Arkansas, he received three letters in football and basketball (playing on the championship teams of 1936 and 1938). He was an end for the Cleveland Rams, Detroit Lions, and the Los Angeles Rams. He was also an official for four years.

**Sam Coleman** – Coleman was a Camden coach and an Arkansas standout football player. A native of Strong, Coleman captained the Arkansas football team of 1923. He lettered four years at Arkansas from 1921-24, when the teams had a combined record of 23-22-3. He became the Camden coach for 35 years, retiring in 1957. He produced championship teams in both football and track, and also coached basketball.

**Sherman Lollar** – Lollar was a major league catcher for 18 seasons. Born in Durham in 1924, he played with Cleveland in 1946, the New York Yankees in 1947-48, the St. Louis Browns in 1949-51, and the Chicago White Sox in 1952-63. Lollar won the Gold Glove for fielding in 1957, 1958, and 1959. He played in the World Series in 1947 and 1959 and later coached at Baltimore and Oakland and managed at Tucson.

**W.I. (Bill) Walton** – Walton was Ouachita's head coach for nine years, turning out many championship teams. A native of Benton, he played on their State Championship team of 1918. He then spent one year at Hendrix and later returned to Ouachita, playing halfback (1921-24). He coached at Bauxite, producing a four-year record of 46-8-2; and at Fordyce and El Dorado, producing a six-year record of 51-9-4.

## Class of 1974

**John R. Thompson** – Thompson was a Hendrix College standout and coach. He was born in Amity in 1898. He lettered on a college team while in Hendrix Academy from 1917-20. He was a football, basketball, and track star, who received 13 total letters. He was a three-time All-State selection in basketball. At one time Thompson held six state college track records from 1920-24 and reached the Olympic trial finals in the decathlon in 1924. He also coached at McGhee, Warren, El Dorado and Ft. Smith. In 37 years, he compiled an overall coaching record of 156-62-20.

**Reece (Goose) Tatum** – Tatum was a Globetrotter basketball great. He was born near El Dorado in 1921 and gained worldwide fame as the Clown Prince of the court with the Harlem Globetrotters from 1942-54 and with his own Harlem Road Kings from 1955-56. He played basketball at Madison High and Lincoln High in Forrest City and Washington High in Memphis. He started his career with the Cincinnati Clowns.

**Raymond (Rabbit) Burnett** – Burnett was a standout football star at two colleges and was also a coach. He was born in New Hope in 1914 and lettered four years in basketball and football at Atkins High School from 1927-31. He was All-AIC in football at Arkansas Tech in 1935 and also for State Teachers in 1936. Burnett signed a pro contract with the Cardinals for one year then coached at Atkins (1939-40). He was the head coach at Little Rock High School (1944-47), Arkansas Tech (1948-53), and North Little Rock (1954-56).

**Jack Robbins** – Robbins was an Arkansas football and basketball player. He was born in Little Rock in 1916 and was an All-State performer at Little Rock High in 1933. Robbins was an All-SWC quarterback at Arkansas in 1936, producing 3,253 total offensive yards from 1935-37. He was All-SWC in basketball in 1938, leading the Razorbacks to a Southwest Conference title. Robbins played in the Olympic basketball finals in 1936 and played two years of pro football with the Chicago Cardinals in 1938 and 1939.

## Class of 1975

**Charles (Foot) Clement** – Clement was an All-America tackle at Alabama. Born in Rover in 1908, he lettered in four sports at Arkansas Tech and was a three-year varsity letterman at Alabama from 1927-31. Clement was All-Southern and captain of the Alabama Rose Bowl football team of 1920. He was also named on several All-America teams and later became a Southern Conference official.

**Allan Berry** – Berry was a Henderson and Vanderbilt athlete who also served as the War Memorial Stadium Manager. He was born in Dalark in 1907 and played high school football at Gurdon. He played college ball at Henderson-Brown for three years, 1925-28, and the guard position at Vanderbilt from 1929-31. He coached at El Dorado and Smackover. Berry served as the Memphis stadium manager from 1946-48 and the War Memorial Stadium manager from 1948-69. He became secretary of the Razorback Club and was active in other organizations.

**Bobby Winkles** – Winkles was the baseball coach at Arizona State. He was a native of Swifton, born in 1930. He was a pro shortstop for Colorado Springs, Indianapolis, and Tulsa from 1951-58. He served as head coach at Arizona State for 13 years, winning three NCAA titles. He was Coach of the Year in 1965, 1967, and 1969, producing an overall record of 534-173. He coached the California Angels in 1972, managed them in 1973-74, and served as manager of the Oakland A's in 1977-78.

**Lamar McHan** – McHan was a quarterback at Arkansas and in the pros. A native of Lake Village, he was born in 1931 and was a four-year standout at Lake Village High School from 1946-49. He later played at Arkansas and was All-SWC in 1951, 1952, and 1953. McHan spent 10 years in the National Football League with the Chicago Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, Baltimore Colts, and San Francisco 49ers. He also coached at Northern Arizona, Arlington, and the New Orleans Saints.

**Miller Barber** – Barber was a PGA touring golf professional and a golfing great. He was born in Shreveport in 1931 and was a member of the Arkansas golf team from 1950-52. He turned pro in 1958 and won nine tournaments on the PGA schedule. He won \$117,359 in 1971 alone and won over \$900,000 total on tour during his entire career. He was a member of the Ryder Cup teams in 1969 and 1971.

## Class of 1976

**John Hoffman** – Hoffman was a Chicago Bear pro football standout in 1949-56. He played every minute of his first five years in the National Football League as a linebacker, end, and back. Hoffman was a Little Rock High all-state player in 1943-44 and was All-State in basketball in 1944-45. He also won four track events in the state meet in 1945. He joined the Bears in 1949, rushing for 1,366 yards and catching 135 passes in eight years. He made the Pro Bowl in 1954 and 1956, retired at the age of 30, then became the head coach of England High School.

**Walter (Junie) Dowell, Jr.** – Dowell was an amateur golfer who won more than 70 tournaments, including the American Seniors Match and Medal in 1966, the Arkansas Seniors in 1967, and was runner-up World Seniors champ in 1966. He received the Sports Illustrated Award of Merit in 1966 and played with the U.S. team in International matches. He was the director of the Southern Golf Association. Dowell was born in Walnut Ridge in 1909. He attended Arkansas in 1927-29 and Texas in 1929-30.

**J.W. (Billy) Mitchell** – Mitchell was the Little Rock Boys Club director for more than 50 years, starting in 1919. He was a long-time Arkansas AAU commissioner. He was also a basketball, track, and football official, working 10 consecutive state basketball tournaments. He retired as an official in 1936. Mitchell lettered in basketball at Little Rock High School and participated in football. He later played basketball at Texas A&M. The Billy Mitchell Boys Club is named in his honor.

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**Billy Ray Smith, Sr.** – Smith was a pro football star for 14 years from 1957-71. He was an Augusta High School standout from 1950-52 and made the All-American Prep Team in 1952. He was an All-SWC tackle at Arkansas in 1956 and drafted third by the Los Angeles Rams in 1957. He played at Pittsburgh in 1958-60 and with the Baltimore Colts from 1961-71. He was a member of the Super Bowl Champion Colts in 1971. He was also a Golden Gloves fighter, a regional champion in 1953-54, and was the Mid-South heavyweight champion twice - 1955-56.

**George J. Terry** – Terry was a three-sport standout at College of the Ozarks in 1930-32. He was born in Newport in 1909, and his 1927 Batesville High School basketball team was the runner-up in the National Tournament at Chicago. He received letters in football, basketball, and baseball at George Washington in 1927-30. Terry later coached at Sloan Hendrix Academy in 1933; Pine Bluff in 1934-38; Greenville, Mississippi, in 1939-42; and was the Pine Bluff head coach from 1946-54. His Pine Bluff teams were 49-12. He was also an assistant at LSU, Army, and Ottawa in the CFL, along with South Carolina.

## Class of 1977

**J.M. (Johnnie) Burnett** - Burnett was Executive Director of the Arkansas Activities Association from 1946-74 and was instrumental in building a sound state high school athletic program. He was an all-around athlete himself at Jonesboro High School from 1924-27 and attended Arkansas State University and Southwestern of Memphis from 1929-32. Burnett was a coach and administrator at Shawnee High School in Joiner for 12 years, until becoming the AAA director. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Leon (Muscles) Campbell** – With first place wins in 5 events, Campbell initially led Bauxite High School to 2 state track championships. He later played fullback and linebacker positions at Arkansas from 1946-49. He averaged 4.5 yards per carry and held the one-game rushing record of 236 yards until 1973. He was a

member of the Razorback Cotton Bowl team in 1946 and played six years with the Baltimore Colts, Chicago Bears, and Pittsburgh Steelers from 1950-55. His career was shortened by knee injuries and he was forced to retire at age 28.

**Willis Hudlin** – Hudlin was a major league pitcher with Cleveland, Washington, the New York Giants, and the St. Louis Browns. He won 158 major league games from 1926 until 1940. He was also the manager of the Little Rock Travelers in their 1942 championship year. He was manager and owner of minor league clubs at both Jackson and Greenville, MS. Hudlin was also the pitching coach for the Detroit Tigers and a scout for the New York Yankees.

**Tom Pickell** – Pickell, a native of Fayetteville, was an All-America basketball player at Arkansas in 1929. He led the Razorbacks to records of 10-2, 20-0, 16-1, and three straight SWC titles. Pickell was a three-time All-Southwest Conference basketball selection and also lettered in track. He was a member of a strong Phillips 66ers team and was an AAU All-America in 1932, 1934, and 1935.

**Bobby Mitchell** – Mitchell, a pro wide receiver, was among the top 10 in the NFL for 10 straight years, scoring 91 touchdowns and being selected to four Pro Bowl teams. He was a Cleveland halfback from 1959-61 and played in 48 consecutive games. He joined the Washington Redskins in 1962 and led the NFL with 72 catches for 1,384 yards and 11 touchdowns. He is a native of Hot Springs and scored 26 touchdowns for Langston High School in one season. Mitchell was an All-Big Ten halfback at Illinois and the world record holder in the indoor 70-yard low hurdles. In 1958, he played in the College All-Star Game and tied for the Most Valuable Player award. Mitchell was the head scout for the Redskins after his retirement in 1962.

## Class of 1978

**Joan Crawford** – Crawford was a 13-time AAU American basketball star. She was inducted into the AAU Hall of Fame in 1961 and the Helms Hall of Fame in 1967. She was a three-

time All-State selection at Van Buren High School from 1953-55. She spent two years at Clarendon, TX, Junior College and was twice named AAU Most Valuable Player. In 1957, Crawford played for the United States team that beat Russia in the World Tournament at Rio de Janeiro. Crawford was part of 10 National AAU champion teams at Nashville Business College from 1958 through 1969.

**Alvin Bell** – Bell was an all-around athlete at Little Rock High School and Vanderbilt, who later had a 30-year career as a referee. He officiated in four Sugar Bowl games and eight Blue-Gray Games. He also worked the 1936 U.S. Olympic basketball trials. Bell won 12 letters at Little Rock High from 1916-19, and was an all-sports star at Vanderbilt from 1920-24. He was an All-Southern forward in basketball and was later active in the Little Rock Boys Club and civic clubs.

**Eddie Meador** – Meador was an All-Pro defensive back with the Los Angeles Rams. He played 12 years in the NFL from 1959-70 and was a starter for 159 games in a row. Meador, a Russellville native, was an Arkansas Tech halfback for four years (1955-58), scoring 272 points and rushing for 3,358 yards and was named to the Little All-America team by the Associated Press in 1958. He was voted the "outstanding back" in the All-Star College Game at Tucson, AZ in 1959.

**Brooks Robinson** – Robinson was the Baltimore Orioles' third baseman for 23 seasons – 1955 - 77. He won 16 Gold Glove awards from 1960-75 for his fielding abilities and was voted the most outstanding player in the 1970 World Series. He was the American League's Most Valuable Player in 1964, batting .317, with 28 home runs and 118 RBI's. He hit a total of 268 home runs during his pro career. Robinson is a Little Rock native who starred in basketball at Little Rock Central and in baseball with the Little Rock American Legion team. He retired in 1977 at the age of 39. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1983.

**Fred Williams** – Williams was a defensive tackle with the Chicago

Bears and Washington Redskins for 15 years (1952-66). He played on the NFL Championship team in 1963 and played in four Pro Bowls. Williams lettered for four years at Arkansas and was an All-State selection twice and an All-Southern selection once at Little Rock High School. Williams was the center on his high school basketball championship team and was also the heavyweight boxing champion in high school. He played in the 1952 College All-Star Game.

## Class of 1979

**Lance Alworth** – Alworth was an outstanding pro football wide receiver with the San Diego Chargers and Dallas Cowboys. He caught 542 passes for 10,266 yards and 85 touchdowns in his 11-year professional career. He led the AFL in receiving in 1966, 1968, and 1969. He caught a touchdown pass in the Dallas Cowboy's Super Bowl win in 1972. Alworth was an All-America halfback at Arkansas in 1961, playing with three Razorback championship teams in 1959 through 1961. He had a career record of 1,330 yards on 421 carries, catching 40 passes for 686 yards, returning 52 punts for 739 yards, and punting for a 34.5-yard average. Alworth, a native of Brookhaven, Mississippi, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1977.

**Johnny Adams** – Adams was a SWC basketball standout at Arkansas in 1939, 1940, and 1941. He set a one game scoring record of 36 points against TCU in 1941, and that mark stood for 25 years. Adams scored 206 points in the 1941 season, as the Razorbacks became the undefeated SWC champions. He was considered a jump-shot artist, joining the famed Phillip's 66er's semi-pro team that ranked as one of the greatest in the nation from 1940's into the 1960's. Adams was also an All-State selection at Beebe High School.

**James B. Abraham** – Abraham was a coach and Lonoke superintendent of schools from 1921 through 1964. He was one of the leaders in establishing the Arkansas Athletic (Activities) Association. Abraham was also an outstanding athlete at Arkadelphia High School and

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Ouachita Baptist University, gaining state honors from 1915-20. He coached four sports, including three Hall of Famers (Jim Lee Howell, Eddie Hamm, and Maurice Britt). He served as president of the high school AAA in the 1940's.

**J.A. (Ike) Tomlinson** – Tomlinson, a native of Macon, GA, was a long-time coach at Arkansas State University from 1943 through 1976, coaching six sports. He was the athletic director for 23 years, head football coach in 1945, and head basketball coach from 1944-49. Tomlinson was named NCAA Coach of the Year in 1964, compiling an overall baseball record of 543-439. He was elected to the College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1970.

**Warren Woodson** – Woodson was coach of four AIC football champion teams and five basketball champion teams at Arkansas State Teachers College from 1935 through 1941. His overall coaching record for nearly 50 years was 272-126-20. He coached at Texarkana Jr. College (1927-34), State Teachers (1935-40), Hardin-Simmons (1941-51), Arizona (1952-56), New Mexico State (1958-67), and Trinity (1970-73). His coaching career started in 1927, and he coached all sports before retiring at the age of 71. Woodson was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, in 1903. He was a basketball standout at Baylor University from 1920-24.

## Class of 1980

**Byron (Buster) Brannon** – Brannon was the TCU Horned Frog basketball coach from 1948-67 and won four SWC titles during that span and tied for two more crowns. Brannon was also the head coach at Rice from 1938-46. He was a two-time All-SWC selection at TCU and was their quarterback in football. Brannon, a native of Pine Bluff, was an all-around athlete at Athens Texas High School, where his team won state and national titles in 1929.

**Ellis Kinder** – Kinder was a major league pitcher from 1946-57, with a record of 102-71 with St. Louis, Boston, and Chicago in the American League. He had a 23-6 record for Boston in 1949 and was a relief pitcher in 69 games in 1953 and 63

games in 1951. Kinder initially pitched in the Kitty League with Jackson (1938-40) and with Memphis in 1942 and 1944. He was traded up to the St. Louis Browns in 1946. Kinder, who was born in Atkins, retired from baseball at the age of 43.

**Curtis King** – King was the Augusta High School coach for 30 years and one of the leaders in forming the Arkansas High School Coaches Association All-Star Games. He coached the Augusta football teams to a 203-83 record from 1944-73. He also coached boys and girls basketball and track. King, a native of Mountain View, attended Arkansas College and Jonesboro Baptist. He coached at East Ridgewood Academy in 1928, Mountain View in 1930, and Beebe from 1937-40. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Marilyn (Sonny) McRae Houston** – Houston was a professional tennis instructor. She was also the Little Rock City Chapter winner from 1932-40. She won tennis titles in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and in the Tri-State, and Missouri Valley sectional. Houston played in the Forest Hills National and Eastern tournaments. She turned pro in 1950 and co-captained the Junior Wightman Cup team in 1957-58.

**Elijah Pitts** – Pitts was a running-back with the Green Bay Packers, playing on five NFL Championship teams and two Super Bowl championship teams. He scored 35 touchdowns during his 11 years as a pro player. He also played for the Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Rams, and the New Orleans Saints. Pitts became a Baltimore assistant coach in 1971 and was a longtime assistant with the Buffalo Bills. He was drafted from Philander Smith College in 1961. A native of Mayflower, Pitts attended Pine Street High School in Conway.

**Barry Switzer** – Switzer, who was born in Crossett in 1937, rose to fame as the head football coach at Oklahoma. He had an overall collegiate record of 157-29-4, and his OK teams won National Championships in 1974 and 1975. Switzer was a center and linebacker for Arkansas' SWC champions in

1959, was an Arkansas assistant coach from 1960-65, and was an Oklahoma assistant coach from 1966-72. He later coached the Dallas Cowboys to a 45-27 overall record and led them to a Super Bowl win (XXX) in 1996.

**Floyd "Arky" Vaughan** – Vaughan was a major league infielder with Pittsburgh and Brooklyn from 1932-48. He had a lifetime batting average of .318, winning the National League batting title with a .385 average in 1935. He hit .364 in seven All-Star games and hit .500 in one World Series. Vaughan collected 2,103 major league hits, including 96 home runs. He was born in Clifty in 1912.

## Class of 1981

**Wayne Harris** – Harris was an All-Canadian Football League selection eight of the 12 years he played pro ball. He was an All-America linebacker at Arkansas in 1960, received All-SWC honors in 1959-60, was the outstanding player in the SWC in 1960, was an Academic All-America in 1959, and played in the 1961 All-America game. Harris joined Calgary of the CFL in 1961. He was named All-Western Conference 11 years and was also selected to the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame. Born in Hampton in 1938, Harris was an All-State selection at El Dorado High School for three years and was an All-Southern and All-America prep guard.

**Jim Mooty** – Mooty was an All-American halfback at Arkansas. He played on the 1959 SWC championship team and with the 1960 Dallas Cowboys before injuries ended his career. He was a member of the College All-Stars in 1960, was an All-SWC selection in 1958 and 1959, and played in the 1959 Senior Bowl. He averaged 5.4 yards as a Razorback, gaining 1,152 yards in 211 carries. He was the Most Valuable Player in the 1960 Gator Bowl. Mooty was an All-State selection at El Dorado High School for three years, a prep All-American, and a four-sport standout.

**Sam F. Hindsman** – Hindsman was a basketball coach at Arkansas Tech for 19 years (1947-66) and won a school-record 355 games, 11 AIC

titles (including seven in a row), 9 NAIA tournament berths, and 2 trips to the NAIA semifinals (1954, 1955). His Tech basketball teams won 69 games in a row against state teams from 1952-55. He also coached Tech football in 1954-58, winning two AIC titles, with an overall football record of 30-13-2. He also coached Tech to a pair of AIC bowling titles. Hindsman coached at Dermott, North Little Rock High, and Arkansas State Teacher's College, and was a standout athlete at Sunflower, MS Junior College, and Memphis State. Born in 1919, he is a native of Columbus, Mississippi.

**Don Kessinger** – Kessinger was the shortstop for the Chicago Cubs for 12 years and was the Chicago White Sox manager in 1979. He was a six-time All-Star National League shortstop, setting a record of 54 errorless games in 1969, while hitting a .273. He topped the league in double plays for five seasons and compiled 500 or more assists for six seasons. Kessinger played for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1976, the White Sox in 1977-79, and for Ft. Worth in 1964-65. He was an Ole Miss standout in baseball and basketball, earning All-Conference honors and was a four-sport star at his hometown (Forrest City) high school.

**Clifford Shaw** – Shaw was a nationally known football and basketball official. He officiated for 35 years in the Southwest Conference, the Big Eight, and the Big Ten. He worked a number of bowl games, including the Cotton Bowl and Sugar Bowl. He officiated in the finals of the NCAA tournament in 1953. Beginning in 1956, Shaw was also a commissioner of the AIC for 12 years, receiving no salary. He was a four-sport letterman at Little Rock High School, earning 10 letters. He also signed a pro baseball contract with Little Rock in 1927 as a shortstop. He attended Arkansas and started officiating in 1930. Born in Liberty in 1908, he was inducted into the AOA Hall of Fame in 1996.

## Class of 1982

**Milan Creighton** – Creighton was an Arkansas multi-sport standout from 1927-31. He played pro football and was a coach with the Chicago Cardinals from 1931-38. Creighton

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earned three letters each in football, basketball, and track. He was All-SWC in football in 1928, 1929, and 1930. He was All-SWC in basketball in 1929 and 1930 and played end for the Chicago Cardinals in 1931-34. At the age of 27, he was named their coach and served from 1935-38, introducing the spread formation to the NFL in his first year. A native of Gothenburg, NE, he also coached at Hot Springs High School in 1940-45 with a 44-16-4 record.

**Deward Dopson** - Dopson was an Arkansas Tech basketball standout and coach. He scored 1,863 points in four seasons (1948-52). He once scored 56 points in a single game in 1952. Dopson coached at Arkansas Tech from 1965-72 with a 106-89 record. He also coached at Manila and Harrison High Schools from 1954-60, compiling a 208-95 record. Dopson played with the Caterpillars team in Peoria, Ill in 1953 and played pro basketball with the Minneapolis Lakers in 1954. He is a native of Strong.

**Audrey (Cob) Fowler** – Fowler was a triple threat tailback at Arkansas in 1946-47. He was a member of the SWC co-championship team that played in the 1947 Cotton Bowl and led the Hogs to a win in the 1948 Dixie Bowl. Fowler averaged 35.1 yards on 11 punts, returned 45 punts for 624 yards in 1946 and 1947. He was an Arkansas Tech standout in 1939, 1940, and 1945 and led the nation in scoring for the 1945 undefeated AIC champions. Fowler averaged 34 yards on 27 punts in the mud against State Teachers in the 1939 championship game. He was also a track sprinter with 20.9 speed in the 220 and 9.4 speed in the 100. He was a standout athlete at Dumas High School.

**Jim Pace** – Pace was an All-America running back at Michigan in 1957 and a track standout. He was third in the NFL pro draft in 1957 and played four years with San Francisco, although he was handicapped by knee injuries. He also played pro football with Oakland, New York (Giants), and Hamilton of the Canadian Football League from 1958-63. He played in the East-West Shrine Game in 1957. Pace was a Dunbar High School football and track star from 1950-54, running a 9.6 in the 100. He was an

AFL administrative assistant from 1964-66, an Oakland football scout, an actor in TV commercials, and a school administrator in Los Angeles.

**Hugh (Bones) Taylor** – Taylor played end for the Washington Redskins for eight years, 1947-55. He caught 298 passes for 5,880 yards and 58 touchdowns. He was a Florida State assistant coach in 1956-57; an Arkansas State coach in 1958-59; a New York Titans assistant in 1960-62; a San Diego coach in 1963; a Houston Oilers head coach in 1964; and a Pittsburgh assistant for four years. Taylor attended Northeast Louisiana Junior College, Tulane, and Oklahoma City University. He was a Wynne High School four-sport star from 1938-41.

**Ambrose (Bro) Erwin** – Erwin was a basketball coach, teacher, and superintendent at Beebe High School for 38 years before retiring in 1969. He won the state title in 1941 and fielded strong contenders from 1933 through 1948. He won 40 games in 1937 and reached the semifinals of the state twice and the finals once in 1944. Erwin won a total of seven district football titles and 17 district track championships. A Des Arc native, Ambros was a Hendrix College track, football, basketball, and swimming star.

## Class of 1983

**Willie Davis** – Davis was a defensive end for the Green Bay Packers during their peak years under Vince Lombardi. He grew up in Texarkana and was an NAIA All-America at Grambling University in 1955. Davis was drafted in the 17<sup>th</sup> round by Cleveland and was later traded to Green Bay in 1960. He made the All-Pro team five times during the next decade and was a 1981 inductee of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

**Jerome (Dizzy) Dean** – Dizzy Dean, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, won 30 games for the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals in 1934 and was the league's MVP. Dean led the National league in shutouts (1932, 1934), in complete games (1933-1936), and in strikeouts (1932-1935). Although his career was shortened by an injury suffered in the 1937 All-Star game, he still finished

his career with 150 wins and 30 saves. When he retired, he earned an equal measure of fame as one of baseball's most colorful broadcasters and commentators. Dean was born in Lucas, near Booneville, on January 16, 1910 and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1953.

**Paul (Daffy) Dean** – Dean, brother of Dizzy, also played pro baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals. In the 1934 World Series, he and brother Dizzy teamed up to win all four games (2 wins apiece) for the Cardinals as they beat Detroit 4 games to 3. Although Paul's career was also cut short by injuries, in his rookie season of 1934, Dean went 19-11 and pitched a no-hitter against Brooklyn. That season he also struck out 150 and walked only 52 in 233 innings. In 1935, Paul had a 19-12 record with 143 strikeouts and 55 walks in 270 innings. Paul was born in Lucas, AR, in 1913 and started his pro baseball career in 1931.

**Lou Holtz** – Holtz, a native of East Liverpool Ohio, graduated from Kent State. He was hired from the New York Jets to replace Frank Broyles as Arkansas' head football coach in 1977. Holtz compiled a 60-21-2 record at AR and carried the Razorbacks to six bowl games. His first Arkansas team was an 18-point underdog to Oklahoma in the 1978 Orange Bowl and pulled off one of AR's greatest wins - a big 31-6 upset victory. He later coached at Minnesota, Notre Dame (winning a national championship with the Fighting Irish), and South Carolina.

**Lee Rogers** – Rogers, a former University of Alabama all-around athlete, came to Arkansas in 1935 as a left-handed pitching prospect with the Little Rock Travelers. He was one of the Traveler's star pitchers on Doc Prothro's Southern Association pennant winning team of 1937. After trials with the Boston Red Sox and Brooklyn Dodgers, Rogers retired from baseball and settled in Little Rock as a sporting goods dealer and game official. Rogers was born in 1913 and grew up in Tuscaloosa, AL, where he played football, baseball, and basketball and ran track for Holt High School.

**Eddie Sutton** – Sutton, a native of Bucklin, KS, graduated from Oklahoma A&M. He was hired as head basketball coach at Arkansas in 1974, taking over a program that had produced only one Southwest Conference title in the previous 24 years. Sutton turned AR into one of the most amazing success stories in college basketball - in 11 years at Arkansas, he compiled a record of 260-75 (.776 percent). Sutton also won or shared five league titles, and his Hogs made nine straight trips to the NCAA tournament, including a 1978 trip to the Final Four and a third-place finish. Eddie left Arkansas for Kentucky and closed out his career at Oklahoma State University, just 4 wins shy of 800.

## Class of 1984

**Fred Akers** – Akers, a Blytheville native, played football for Arkansas and was later head coach at Texas. He coached the Longhorns for 10 years and produced a 86-31-2 record. He was a star high school halfback at Blytheville and was a senior on Frank Broyles' first championship team at Arkansas. It was an Akers' field goal that provided a 3-0 victory over defending champion TCU that allowed Arkansas, TCU, and Texas to finish in a first-place conference tie in 1959. Akers was hired as Wyoming's head coach in 1975 and eventually replaced Darrell Royal at Texas in 1977, compiling a record of 86-31-2. His Texas teams played in 9 bowl games in 10 years. He was inducted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame in 1998.

**Kay Eakin** – Eakin, a native of Marianna, led the SWC in punting his three varsity seasons with the Arkansas Razorbacks (1937-39). As a senior, he also led the nation in passing (962 yards) and was third in total offense (1,344 yards). His 41.2 punting average in 1938 was fifth best in the country. Eakin was also a consensus All-SWC back in 1939. He compiled 1,520 yards passing and 2,164 yards of total offense in his college career. Eakin played for the New York Giants in 1940-41 and closed out his professional career with the Miami Seahawks of the old All-America Conference.

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**C.R. (Sonny) Gordon** – Gordon coached for 40 years in his hometown of Holly Grove before retiring in 1980 with a dozen district championships in both football and basketball. His 1976 boy's basketball team won the Class AA state championship and went undefeated all the way to the finals of the overall championship. Over a two-year stretch in the early 1960's, Holly Grove won 21 straight football games. Gordon was an all-sport athlete for Holly Grove and Arkansas A&M. He started his coaching career at Sloan-Hendrix and Walnut Ridge and was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1996.

**Thomas Hill** – Hill, a New Orleans native, was recruited by Arkansas State University as a sprinter and quickly developed into a world class hurdler. Hill won the bronze medal in the 1972 Olympic high hurdles in Munich. As a sophomore, Hill ran a 13.6 in the 120-highs to break a 20-year old state collegiate record of 13.7 seconds. In the state meet, Hill also tied the state record of 21.0 in the 220-yard dash. In 1971 at the U.S. Track and Field Federation Games, Hill was clocked at 13.3, a tenth of a second off the world record. In the semi-finals, he ran a 13.1 wind-aided time and tied the world record of 13.2 in the finals of that meet.

**Gayle Kaundart** – Kaundart, an Alma native, coached basketball in the state for four decades with stops at Green Forest (1950-53), Conway (1953-55), Fort Smith Northside (1956-1974), and Westark Community College. His Westark record going into the 1983-84 season was a 268-51 and was topped by winning a National Junior College Championship in 1981. None of his junior college teams won fewer than 26 games in a season. Kaundart won five state titles in 19 years at Northside; and his 1974 squad, led by Ron Brewer, went undefeated. Kaundart attended College of the Ozarks and in 1949 played on the school's first AIC championship basketball team. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1996.

## Class of 1985

**Joe Garagiola** – Garagiola served as the Hall of Fame's first Master of

Ceremonies in 1958 and emceed the first eight Hall of Fame banquets plus one more in 1974 when Garagiola was formally installed as an honorary inductee in the ASHOF. He got his start professionally as a color analyst on the St. Louis Cardinals broadcasts and later became a nationally known sportscaster. He also served as the co-host of the Today Show on NBC.

**Cliff Harris** – Harris was born in Fayetteville in 1948 and grew up in Hot Springs and Des Arc. He played football at Ouachita Baptist University and later starred for the Dallas Cowboys at free safety. During his senior year in high school, Harris quarterbacked the Class A Des Arc Eagles to an 11-0 season. Harris, a defensive star in both college and the pros, played 10 seasons with the Cowboys, 1970-79 and made five trips to the Super Bowl. He was named to the Pro Bowl six times.

**Ragon Kinney** – Kinney, a Hartman native, was a three-time national amateur boxing champion between 1939 and 1944. At the age of 17, he reached the State AAU Tournament finals only to lose the match in a controversial decision. Kinney started as a 112-pound novice in 1931 and had more than 200 amateur bouts. He won the Golden Gloves Intercity title as a light heavyweight in 1939, the AAU title in 1941, and the Golden Gloves intercity title in 1944.

**Eugene Lambert** – Lambert was a four-sport athlete at Arkansas in the 1920's and a successful basketball coach at Arkansas, Memphis State, and Alabama. In his seven years as an Arkansas basketball coach, 1942-49, Lambert led the Razorbacks to a record of 113-61, two SWC Championships, two NCAA bids, and no SWC finish lower than third place. Lambert was born in Searcy and grew up in Augusta. He enrolled at Arkansas in 1925; and as a junior and senior, Lambert was All-Conference on teams that went 19-1 and 16-1. He started his coaching career at Texarkana High in 1929 and moved on to other jobs in Texas and Ohio before returning to the University of Arkansas in 1937.

**Floyd Sagely** – Sagely excelled in both football and basketball at Van Buren High and the University of

Arkansas. In high school (1947-50), he started every varsity outing in football, basketball, track, and baseball in his 9th through 12th grade seasons. At Arkansas, he started every football and basketball game for four years, except for the Texas A&M football game of 1951 (due to injury). He was an All-SWC selection in 1953 leading the Hogs in interceptions. He was also voted by the student body as the U of A's best athlete. Floyd played for the San Francisco 49ers and the St. Louis Cardinals in the NFL.

**Eugene (Bo) Sherman** – Sherman was a star athlete and coach at Henderson State University in the 1920's and early 30's. Sherman's high school days were spent in Searcy. He played for Henderson, and upon graduation in 1930, was retained as an assistant coach. He became Henderson's head coach in 1931. In four years, he won three consecutive AIC titles from 1932-34. He later coached at what are now UA-Monticello, Nashville High School, The Citadel (1938-42), Oklahoma City University (1946-47,) and George Washington University (1948-52).

## Class of 1986

**Bill Bergey** – Bergey, a native of South Dayton, NY, was a linebacker for Arkansas State University and played linebacker in the NFL for the Cincinnati Bengals and the Philadelphia Eagles. Bergey was the first defensive player in the history of the NFL to sign a \$1 million contract. He was the MVP in the 1968 Pecan Bowl despite a 23-14 loss to North Dakota State. He also was the MVP in the North-South Shrine Game and the College All-Star Game. Bergey was drafted by Cincinnati in the second round of the 1969 NFL draft. Bergey had 27 career pass interceptions, was picked four times by *The Sporting News* to the All-NFL team, and also played in four Pro Bowls

**William Irving** – Irving, a Morrilton native, was a versatile Arkansas College athlete, who also coached at Forrest City High School with considerable success throughout the 1930's and 1940's. He also served as the school's superintendent. In

1929-30 he attended Arkansas College, lettering in six sports. Irving compiled a 101-30-7 football coaching record at Forrest City. In his first year as the Mustang coach, Forrest City's football team was 27-1 during the regular season. His track team won the district title, his baseball team went undefeated, and his golf team won the state title. and his tennis team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state.

**W. Howard Pearce** – Pearce was a former player at Little Rock High School, Arkansas Tech, and the University of Arkansas. He was a coach and former manager of War Memorial Stadium. Pearce grew up in Little Rock and started his football career at West Side Junior High. He also played baseball and did some amateur boxing in high school at Little Rock High from 1933-35. For 16 years, Pearce served as manager of War Memorial Stadium.

**Lloyd Phillips** – Phillips was a two-time All-American defensive lineman at the University of Arkansas. He played on Razorback teams that compiled a 29-3 record from 1964-66. Phillips was a three-time All-Southwest Conference selection (1964-66), and he won the coveted Outland Trophy his senior season as the best lineman in college football. Phillips played pro football for the Chicago Bears – he was the Bears' first-round draft pick in 1967 – and also the New Orleans Saints.

**Bill Vining** – Vining, who coached the men's basketball team at Ouachita Baptist University, won more than 500 games in his 30-year coaching career. Vining produced his first 20-game winner in 1960; and from 1962 through 1978, his teams won six Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships and made six trips to Kansas City for the NAIA National Tournament. Vining is a native of Eudora and played both football and basketball at Ouachita in 1947-51. He also served as Athletic Director at OBU.

## Class of 1987

**Alton Baldwin** – Baldwin, a native of Hot Springs, became an All-SWC end in 1946 at Arkansas and was selected as the most valuable

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lineman in the Razorback's icy 0-0 tie with LSU in the 1947 Cotton Bowl. He was drafted by the Buffalo Bills of the Old-World Conference and he was one of the league's leading pass receivers and scorers. Baldwin later spent a year with the Green Bay Packers of the NFL and finished his career with the Ottawa Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

**Clair Bates** – Bates, a native of Lincoln and a 1932 graduate of Fort Smith High School, coached Van Buren teams to seven state championships and 20 district titles in basketball. His football teams also won 11 district championships. In 1950, Bates' senior boys and senior girls both ruled as state basketball champs. Bates, who played on Ft. Smith Junior College's last football team in 1934, also coached at Alma from 1937-41. He switched to Van Buren in 1942. His girls' teams had a 60-game win streak in 1950-51 and an 86-game win streak in 1953-55. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Jim Lindsey** – Lindsey, a native of Forrest City, was a big-play wingback for the University of Arkansas. He played for Razorback teams that put together a 22-game winning streak from 1963-65. He was also a key member of the 11-0 1964 National Championship team. Lindsey was also honored for being an academic All-America selection in 1965. He played NFL pro ball for the Minnesota Vikings from 1966-72 and served as captain of the special teams.

**John McDonnell** – McDonnell, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, won 6 national Irish running titles before coming to the US. He attended Southwestern Louisiana University earning All-American honors in track. After being hired at Arkansas (1972), he turned a low scoring track and field team into a national powerhouse – by 1987, he had won 6 national track and field or cross country championships. He was initially hired as the cross-country coach and took over responsibility for the track and field program in 1978. Also by 1987, his teams were working on a streak of 13 SWC cross-country titles. In 1985, he became the second coach ever to win a collegiate triple crown in track by winning the NCAA indoor and outdoor events and the cross-country

meet – John ended up winning a record 5 triple crowns in his career, along with a record 42 National Championships.

**Larry Snyder** – Snyder, a native of Toledo, Ohio, became the sixth jockey in history to win 5,000 races when he rode Tennessee Rite to victory on September 2, 1984, at Louisiana Downs. He started his professional riding career at the age of 18 in 1960. He became a year-round Hot Springs resident in 1968 and a popular jockey at Oaklawn Park. Snyder was the leading Oaklawn rider seven times; and by 1987, his mounts had earned more than \$35,000,000 in 27 years.

## Class of 1988

**Gene Bearden** – Bearden was a native of Lexa; and as a left-handed knuckle baller, he pitched seven years for the Cleveland Indians, Washington Senators, Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Browns, and Chicago White Sox. As a rookie major league pitcher in 1948, Bearden had a 20-7 record, and his earned run average of 2.43 was the best in the American League. He led Cleveland to the World Series, where he won one game and was credited with a save in another as Cleveland defeated the Boston Braves four games to two. Bearden finished his career with an overall record of 45-38.

**Lewis Carpenter** – Carpenter, a native of West Memphis, was a football player who did everything well during his career at Arkansas in the early 1950's. He played running back, wide receiver, and tight end. He also served as back-up quarterback. He played for Detroit and Cleveland and finished his playing career as a reserve running back for Vince Lombardi's first wave of Green Bay Packer championship teams. He coached pro football at Minnesota, Atlanta, Washington, Houston, Green Bay, and Detroit.

**George Kok** – Kok, a near seven-footer, was a three-time All-Southwest Conference center for the Arkansas Razorbacks (1945-48). He left as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,644 points in 94 games and averaged 17.5 points overall and 17.9 points in conference games. He

twice led the SWC in scoring. Kok played high school athletics at Grand Rapids, MI. Kok retired at Louisville, Kentucky, after a 24-year career as Athletic Director at Pleasure Ridge Park High School.

**Jimmy (Red) Parker** – Parker was an outstanding athlete and coach, serving as offensive coordinator at Ole Miss prior to being inducted into the Hall of Fame. He started his coaching career at Fordyce High School in 1953, and his eight-year record of 105-15-4 was capped by a 37-game winning streak. As a college head coach for the University of Arkansas at Monticello (his alma mater), The Citadel, Clemson, Southern Arkansas, and Delta State, he produced a record of 127-107-8. He also spent one season as a Vanderbilt assistant coach. Parker was considered one of the nation's top-ranking veer experts and was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1998.

**Dwight Sloan** – Sloan, a native of Rudy, did a lot of the throwing and some of the receiving when Fred Thomsen's Arkansas Razorbacks ruled as the passingest team in the nation in the 1930's. He was a member of the 1936 team that secured Arkansas' first SWC football championship. As a senior in 1937, Sloan completed 78 of 164 passes for 1,074 yards. Sloan played one year at Alma High School, then finished his high school career at Van Buren, scoring 151 points during his junior year and 160 points in his senior year. He also excelled in basketball, track, and baseball.

## Class of 1989

**Sam Cook** – Cook compiled a 35-year record of 250-83-22 as a high school football coach. He coached in Murfreesboro; Dierks; North Little Rock; Rison; Idabel, OK; and De Witt. During the 20 years he was at DeWitt his teams won or shared nine conference championships, and his 1950 Rison team won a state championship. He retired from coaching after the 1973 DeWitt season.

**Ken Hatfield** – Hatfield, a Helena native, led the nation in punt returns in 1963 and 1964, his junior and

senior seasons at Arkansas. He was an All-Southwest Conference defensive back and Academic All-America in 1964. As a coach, Hatfield revitalized the Air Force Academy football program and was named National Coach of the Year. In 1984, Hatfield returned to AR, his alma mater as head coach of the Razorbacks. His first four teams reached the final conference game with a shot at the Cotton Bowl, and 2 of his teams (1988 & 1989) won the SWC league title. Hatfield has the best winning percentage in Razorback football history – 55-17-1 (.753 record). He later became a winning head coach at Clemson and Rice and was named to the Razorback's All-Century Team.

**Harold Horton** – Horton, a product of Sam Cook's DeWitt program, coached the University of Central Arkansas Bears to a record seven straight Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football championships (1983-89) and to permanent status as an NAIA power. His UCA teams also tied for the national championship in 1984 and 1985. Horton played defensive halfback for three SWC championship Arkansas teams, 1959-1961. He initially coached at Bald Knob and Forrest City, compiling a high school record of 43-15-3, then later served as a U of A assistant coach from 1968 through 1980.

**Eddie Miles** – Miles, a North Little Rock native, led Jones High School to three state basketball championships and led Seattle University to three NCAA tournament bids. He was an All-America at Seattle where he averaged 23.1 points per game. Miles was the Detroit Piston's No. 1 draft pick in 1963 and spent nine years in the NBA, with additional stops in Baltimore and New York.

**Brad Scott** – Scott, a native of Prescott, was one of the Southwest Conference's outstanding linemen of the 1920's. He played both offensive guard and defensive tackle for Arkansas in 1924-26 and was named to the 1926 All-SWC team. Scott coached successfully at Prescott before starting a 40-year career with federal agencies.

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**R.H. Sikes** – Sikes, a native of Springdale, won national tournaments (Public Course Golfers) in 1960-61. He also won an NCAA Championship while playing for the University of Arkansas. While he was still an amateur, a national survey rated his putting touch the best in the game - amateur or pro. Sikes spent 10 years as a PGA tour player, winning two tournaments. He later became a teaching pro in the Los Angeles area, then returned back home to Springdale.

## Class of 1990

**Hubert (Geese) Ausbie** – Ausbie, a member of the Harlem Globetrotters for 25 years, combined extraordinary ball handling, dribbling, and scoring skills with a flair for comedy and became one of the world's greatest stars, filling the Globetrotter role as the Clown Prince of Basketball. Ausbie played for Philander Smith College in the 1950's.

**Leota Barham** – Barham was an outstanding women's amateur basketball player in the 1930's and 1940's. She played for the Lewis-Norwood Flyers and Dr. Pepper of Little Rock and earned AAU All-America honors several times. With the Dr. Pepper team, she became a teammate of charter AR Hall of Fame inductee Hazel Walker.

**Bennie Ellender** – Ellender coached Arkansas State University to three straight Southland Conference football titles from 1968-1970, and his 11-0 Indians of 1970 were voted the No.1 team in the nation by the Associated Press and the United Press International in NCAA Division II. Ellender was the Indians' head football coach for eight seasons (1963-70). He left ASU for the head-coaching job at Tulane University, his alma mater.

**Lowell (Hoss) Manning** – Manning had a highly successful high school coaching career at McGhee, Pine Bluff, and Jonesboro. Later, as co-proprietor of a Little Rock sporting goods store, he became prominent for his efforts on behalf of many youth organizations. He is considered one of the best athletes in the history of Arkansas College, where he starred in basketball and football.

**Henry Moore** – Moore was a consensus All-Southwest Conference fullback in 1954 and 1955 and led the Arkansas Razorbacks in rushing during their championship season of 1954. He played for the NFL champion New York Giants in 1956. He was also an All-State and All-Southern running back for Little Rock High School in 1951.

**Bobby Tiner** – Tiner, a native of Morrilton, was one of the best athletes to ever play in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. For the University of Central Arkansas Bears, he was a four-time All-AIC selection in football and baseball. He played in the Arkansas High School Coaches Association All-Star basketball game of 1962. Tiner was a passing-running quarterback who piled up 6,100 yards of total offense while leading UCA to two football championships in four seasons. In 1969, playing minor league pro football for the Arkansas Diamonds, he led the Continental League in total offense. Tiner was later a successful high school coach at Pulaski Oak Grove.

## Class of 1991

**Norm Debriyn** – Debriyn, a Wisconsin native, served as the Arkansas head baseball coach for three decades. By 1991, Debriyn had compiled a 748-357 record and had four appearances in the College World Series. During his tenure, Arkansas consistently ranked among the Top 20 college baseball teams in the country. DeBryin was born on November 1, 1941, in Ashland Wisconsin and lettered in football, baseball, and basketball at Depadua High School in Ashland and in football and baseball at Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He was inducted into the Razorback Hall of Honor in 1991.

**George Dunklin** – Dunklin, a native of Pine Bluff won the state men's tennis singles championship nine times between 1939 and 1958. He represented the United States in several international amateur meets in 1953. At his peak, 1947-57, Dunkin was the top-ranked player in the Southern Tennis Association. His tournament championships included the Southwest Open, Tri-State, Mississippi Valley, Louisiana State Open, and Tennessee Open. He was

a semifinalist in the USTA National Seniors Championship in 1968.

**Pat Foster** – Foster was an All-Southwest Conference Arkansas Razorback basketball player from Emerson. He had a 212-96 record during 10 head-coaching seasons at Lamar and Houston, with these teams having earned nine postseason bids. Going into the 1991 season, Foster ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in the winning percentage (.688) among active head coaches. He started his coaching career at Camden Fairview in 1962 and compiled a 10-year record there of 215-95, including six straight district titles. From 1972-80 he served as an Arkansas assistant to Lanny Van Eman and Eddie Sutton.

**Francis Garrouette** – Garrouette, a 5-11 center, was considered one of the state's top female athletes of all-time. She led the Van Buren Pointers to four state high school championships, starting as a ninth-grader. She then toured for 16 years (1951-67) with Hazel Walker's Arkansas Travelers. After the basketball tour disbanded, she spent a year on the women's PGA golf tour.

**Gerald Nesbitt** – Nesbitt, a native of Big Sandy, TX, was an All-SWC fullback for Arkansas in 1956-57. He was also the second leading ground gainer and the leading punter in Arkansas history. He was the outstanding player in the 1957 East-West Shrine Game and went on to an outstanding four-year career with Ottawa of the Canadian Football League.

## Class of 1992

**Lorieta Blann** – Blann, a native of Scott, was one of the top women's basketball players in the state in the 1940's. She was an Amateur Athletic Union All-America in 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1945, and was a member of national championship teams in 1940 and 1941. Blann played for the Little Rock Flyers until 1942, then spent two years with Arkansas Motor Coaches and two years with Little Rock Dr. Pepper. She is a member of the AAU Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Preston Carpenter** – Carpenter led the Cleveland Browns in rushing in 1956 and in receiving in 1958. He played 12 seasons in the NFL and was a Pro Bowl selection as a Pittsburgh Steeler tight end in 1962. He also played for Miami, Washington, and Minnesota. At the University of Arkansas, Carpenter was an outstanding single-wing blocking back and linebacker for the Razorbacks during 1953 and 1954. An All-Southwest Conference halfback in 1955, he grew up as an all-sport athlete in West Memphis and Hayti, Missouri.

**Don Dyer** – Dyer, a native of Clarendon, was the head coach at the University of Central Arkansas prior to his induction into the Hall of Fame. As he began his 28<sup>th</sup> season, Dyer had posted 558 career wins and is the only coach in NAIA history to have taken two different schools to the national championship game. (Henderson State and UCA). He is the winningest basketball coach in the history of both UCA and Henderson State. He took three teams to the NAIA Final Four and produced 12 AIC championships and six NAIA District 17 titles. He was also inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1992.

**Tom Gulley** – Gulley played six seasons with the Little Rock Travelers in the Southern Association and still holds the record for the highest single-season average by a Traveler – .378 in 1925. He later played in the major leagues with the Chicago White Sox and the Cleveland Indians. As Pulaski County sheriff, Gulley organized Little Rock's Junior Deputy baseball program, the first such youth league organization in Arkansas and a tremendous success story.

**Dan Hampton** – Hampton, a native of Cabot, retired in 1990 after 12 highly successful years as the anchor of the Chicago Bears defensive front. He was named to four Pro Bowl squads and was first team All-Pro in 1982 and 1984. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2002. While at the University of Arkansas, Hampton gained All-Southwest Conference and All-America recognition in 1978 and helped lead the Hogs to an Orange Bowl victory over Oklahoma. He was

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a first-round draft choice of the Bears in 1979, and he played on the Super Bowl XX championship team. Hampton started his high school football career at Jacksonville.

## Class of 1993

**Earl Bell** – Bell, a Jonesboro native, went on to become one of the world's top pole vaulters and one of Arkansas' best known athletes. He set the state high school pole vault record of 15-0 in 1973. Bell, who attended Arkansas State University and was a five-time NCAA champion, is the only pole-vaulter in the world to clear 18 feet in three different decades. He won the bronze medal at the 1984 Olympics, finished fourth in the 1988 Olympics, and sixth in the 1976 Olympics. He won the gold medal in the 1975 Pan Am Games with a vault of 17-8-1/2. Bell also held the world record in the pole vault in 1976 and the U.S. record twice in 1976 and 1984. He had a career indoor best of 19-2-3/4.

**Buddy Benson** – Benson was in his 28<sup>th</sup> season as the Ouachita Baptist University head coach prior to this induction. His overall record at OBU was 152-122-7, with his teams winning or sharing the AIC title four times (1966, 1970, 1975, & 1982). He was named AIC Coach of the Year four times. Benson played for the University of Arkansas and is best remembered as the quarterback for the 1954 team, which won an SWC championship. He lettered as a Razorback in 1954 and 1955.

**Jerry Dalrymple** – Dalrymple, who played college football for Tulane, was born in Rosston in 1907. He played high school football for Prescott; and in 1924, initially enrolled at Ouachita Baptist. He later transferred to Tulane and played freshman football before sitting out the next year with a broken leg. Dalrymple started for the Green Wave varsity in 1929 and was All-Southern Conference for three years as an offensive and defensive end. In 1929, he was named a third team All-America. In 1930, he made most All-America teams and in his final year, 1931 he was named to every All-America team. Tulane went 11-0 before losing to Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl. He was named to the

College Football Hall of Fame in 1957.

**Sidney Moncrief** – Moncrief, a native of Little Rock, played high school basketball at Little Rock Hall. He was an All-America at Arkansas in 1979 and a first round draft choice of the Milwaukee Bucks in the 1979 NBA draft. Moncrief spent his first 10 years in the NBA at Milwaukee, retired for one year, then spent a final season with the Atlanta Hawks. His high school jersey (No. 32), his college jersey (No. 32), and his Bucks jersey (No.4) have all been retired. The Hall High School Gymnasium is now known as the "Moncrief Gymnasium." Moncrief is one of only two Arkansans in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame and is a charter member of the University Of Arkansas Hall Of Honor.

**Leo Nonnenkamp** – Nonnenkamp, a St. Louis native, played professional baseball for the Little Rock Travelers from 1934-37. The Cardinals signed him in 1929 at the age of 18. Five years later, he landed in Little Rock, then a Class A farm club for Boston. He was named the Southern Association's Most Valuable Player as the Travelers won the 1937 pennant. He hit .332 with 29 steals and 75 RBI's. He spent several seasons with the Red Sox as a reserve outfielder.

## Class of 1994

**Ron Brewer** – Brewer, a Fort Smith native, was an All-State basketball performer at Northside High School, leading his team to an undefeated season in 1974. He was considered one of the best overall college players during the late 1970's and went on to an outstanding career at Arkansas. He (along with Moncrief and Delph) was nationally known as one of the famed Triplets. Brewer was an All-Southwest Conference performer in 1977 and 1978, was a second team All-America in 1978, and was a first round selection by Portland in the 1978 NBA draft. Brewer played eight seasons in the NBA.

**Buddy Coleman** – Coleman, a highly successful Little Rock businessman, had a distinguished officiating career for over 27 years. He participated in over 250 college games, including 15

major bowl games. Among them were two Cotton Bowls, five Sugar Bowls, two Gator Bowls, two Orange Bowls and the Fiesta Bowl. He was inducted into the Arkansas Officials Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Joe Ferguson** – Ferguson, a native of Shreveport, LA, had a rifle-like passing arm that shattered records in both Louisiana and Arkansas. At the University of Arkansas, Ferguson passed for 2,203 yards as a junior in 1971 and was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1971 Liberty Bowl Game. He was the first Razorback to pass for more than 2,000 yards in one season. Ferguson was an All-Southwest Conference quarterback in 1971 and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills of the NFL. He played the majority of his 17 pro years with the Bills.

**Ike Poole** – Poole was an All-American basketball player for the University of Arkansas in 1936. He was also an alternate for the 1936 Olympic Team. He started as a sophomore for the Razorbacks in 1934 and was selected All-Southwest Conference in 1935 and 1936. Poole also lettered for the Razorback football teams of 1933, 1934, and 1935.

## Class of 1995

**Lou Brock** – Brock was born in El Dorado in 1939. He led the St. Louis Cardinals to three National League Pennants during a career that spanned 19 seasons. He also led the NL in stolen bases for eight of those seasons. Brock stole a total of 938 bases, including a National League record 118 bases in 1974, and had over 3,000 hits. He appeared in five All-Star games and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY in 1985.

**Clell Burnett** – Burnett earned 14 letters in four sports at Arkansas State Teachers College (now the University of Central Arkansas) from 1929-33. He coached Smackover to a state high school championship in 1943. He also coached at Brinkley, El Dorado, and in Oklahoma, producing state championship teams in football, basketball, and track. He is the father of Razorback standouts Bobby, Tommy, and Bill Burnett.

**Bob Courtway** – Courtway was a long-time Hendrix College Athletic Director. He was one of the pioneer figures of swimming in Arkansas and became the first swim-related athlete to go into the AR Sports Hall of Fame. He was a charter member of the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame and a standout coach and teacher for three decades. Courtway won nine Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference titles, including seven in a row. He also won an area championship as water polo coach. Courtway served as the NAA's representative on the United States Men's Olympic Committee and officiated at several national meets. He is a charter member of the Hendrix College Sports Hall of Honor.

**Bill Dunaway** – Dunaway was selected to the Helms Basketball Hall of Fame as a coach and is a charter member of the Hendrix College Sports Hall of Honor. At Hendrix, he earned four letters each in basketball, tennis, and baseball. He also served as coach of the AAU National Championship women's basketball teams (Lewis-Norwood Flyers) of 1937, 1940, and 1941. His overall record was 143-8. Dunaway would have coached the U.S. Women's 1940 Olympic team had World War II not started.

**Chuck Dicus** – Dicus was the University of Arkansas's career leader in pass receptions with 118 in three seasons. He was an All-Southwest Conference selection in 1969 and 1970 and was named to almost everyone's All-America team in both 1969 and 1970. Dicus was the Most Valuable Player in the 1969 Sugar Bowl when the Razorbacks upset Georgia 16-2. In that game, Dicus had 12 receptions for 169 yards and the game's only touchdown, a 27- yard pass. Dicus made Arkansas' 1960 and 1970 All-Decade Teams and was inducted into the Razorback Hall of Honor in 1993. Dicus played for the San Diego Chargers (1971 and 1972) and with the Pittsburgh Steelers (1973). He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1999.

**Billy Ray Smith, Jr.** – Smith, a native of Plano, Texas, was the first Arkansas player of the modern era to start as a freshman. He was an All-Southwest Conference "Defensive

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Player of the Year" at Arkansas in 1981 and 1982. He was the only two-time unanimous All-America selection in Razorback history. Smith started every game at Arkansas (48 straight) from 1979 through 1982. He was one of Arkansas' most versatile defensive players, playing nose guard, end, and linebacker. He was twice runner-up for the Outland Trophy. Smith was inducted into the Arkansas Hall of Honor in 1994 and is a member of the UA's Centennial Team. He is also a member of the U of A's 1980's All-Decade team. He played 10 seasons at linebacker for the San Diego Chargers and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000.

## Class of 1996

**Bill Bock** – Bock was one of the pioneers of high school baseball in Arkansas. His teams captured nine state baseball titles during his career, which includes a state record five championships in a row. Prior to the 1996 season at Pine Bluff High School, he had an overall record of 474-76, which included 17 district titles. He won state titles at Fort Smith St. Anne's in 1967, Sylvan Hills in 1974, Texarkana in 1982, and Pine Bluff in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1992, and 1995 title. He was named the National High School Coach of the Century and Coach of the Decade for the 1980's.

**Bill Burnett** – Burnett, a Bentonville native, was the Arkansas Razorback season record holder for touchdowns, with a total of 20, as well as the career record holder for touchdowns, with a total of 49. During his three-year varsity career at Arkansas, he rushed 526 times for 2,204 yards, with a season's best tally of 900 yards on 209 carries in 1969. He was Academic All-America and a consensus All-Southwest Conference halfback in both 1969 and 1970. He is part of a talented football family as his father, Clell, and brother, Bobby, are also in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

**Larry Lacewell** – Lacewell, a Fordyce native, was a defensive coordinator at Iowa and Oklahoma before returning to Arkansas to be head football coach of the ASU Indians. In 11 years at ASU, Lacewell

led the Indians to two Southland Conference titles (1985 and 1986) and a 69-58-4 record (.528 record). His first head coach's job was at Kilgore Junior College, where the 1964 team won a national championship. Lacewell worked as a defensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee (1990-92) and was a scouting director for the Dallas Cowboys.

**Kevin McReynolds** – McReynolds, a star high school baseball performer out of Sylvan Hills, lettered for three years at the University of Arkansas and was named the Southwest Conference Player of the Year in 1980. McReynolds was San Diego's first round draft selection in June 1981 and the sixth pick overall. He spent 12 years in the major leagues with San Diego, the New York Mets, and the Kansas City Royals. McReynolds hit at least 15 home runs and drove in 70 or more runs for eight consecutive years. He had a total of 211 career home runs and a .265 lifetime batting average.

**Raymond Peters** – Peters, who served as Athletic Director for the Little Rock Public School System, was the first football coach at Little Rock Hall High. Peters, a Morrilton native, also coached at North Little Rock and Little Rock Central. Peters compiled an overall record of 27-11-2 and led Hall High to the 1959 state championship. He played football at Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas.

## Class of 1997

**Mike Conley** – Conley, a native of Chicago, participated in track and field for the University of Arkansas. He was the Olympic Gold Medalist in 1992 and the Silver Medalist in 1984 in the triple jump. His winning leap of 59-7.5 in the 1992 Olympics at Barcelona would have been a world record except for the fact that it had been slightly wind-aided. He won nine NCAA horizontal jump titles (triple jump and long jump) while competing for the Razorbacks and collected 17 All-American certificates during his collegiate career.

**L.C. Greenwood** – Greenwood, a Canton, MS, native played college football at the University of Arkansas

at Pine Bluff. He later went on to stardom with the Pittsburgh Steelers as a defensive end. Greenwood is Pittsburgh's all-time leader in sacks and was a six-time Pro Bowl selection. He was also a member of four Pittsburgh Steeler Super Bowl Championship teams. Greenwood spent a total of 13 years with the Steelers and was named to the All-NFL Team of the Decade for the 1970's.

**Bill Montgomery** – Montgomery, a native of Carrollton, TX was a three-year letterman at quarterback for the Arkansas Razorbacks. In a three-year span, Montgomery held virtually every record in the book including career touchdown passes (29), career passing yards (4590), career completion percentage (.560), career total offense (5052 yd.), career passing attempts (602), career completions (337), and career completion percentage (.560). He also collected many of the individual, season, and game records as well. Montgomery led Arkansas to a 28-5 record during his time with the Arkansas Razorbacks.

**Billy Moore** – Moore, a Little Rock native, was a standout high school quarterback before becoming a star performer at Arkansas. Moore's three varsity Razorback teams went 25-8, won two Southwest Conference Championships, played in the Sugar Bowl twice, and played in the Cotton Bowl once. As a senior in 1962, Moore led the SWC in rushing with 585 yards and was selected to the Look Magazine All-America team. He was Arkansas's first quarterback to be named an All-American.

**Willis Watkins** – Watkins, a native of Conway, was considered one of the state's top amateur golfers. His career spanned for more than 45 years, and he won 93 tournaments. Watkins was the Arkansas stroke play champion in 1972 and the senior's champion in both 1982 and 1983. He twice represented Arkansas in the United States Golf Association Amateur Seniors Championship.

## Class of 1998

**J.W. (Chick) Austin** – Austin, a Bauxite native, played football and basketball at Hendrix College then

had a successful 38-year coaching career. After six years as an assistant in all sports at Hendrix, Austin coached at West Memphis, Magnolia, Hot Springs Lakeside, and Searcy. He ended his career with an overall record of 126-66, winning nine football conference titles. He was the Region Coach of the Year eight times and was an All-Star assistant coach four times. He was the recipient of the Curtis King Award in 1982. Lakeside renamed its football field the J.W. Austin Field in 1986. He was inducted into the Hendrix College Sports Hall of Honor in 1997 and into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1997.

**Firmon Bynum** – Bynum, a Russellville native, was an All-AIC tackle in 1938 and 1939; and in 1939, he was the first Arkansas Tech player named to the Little All-American team. He played at Arkansas in 1940-41, earning All-Southwest Conference second team honors, while also being named honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press in 1940. He later coached for two years at Blytheville and Arkansas Tech. Bynum is in the Russellville High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Tech Hall of Distinction.

**Monte Coleman** – Coleman, a Pine Bluff native, played 16 seasons with the Washington Redskins. The former University of Central Arkansas standout was drafted by the Redskins in 1979 and played on three Super Bowl teams. Coleman set a Washington Redskins franchise record by playing in 216 games and is one of only three Redskins players to have played in three decades (1970's 1980's and the 1990's). During his career, Coleman had an amazing 56½ sacks, 1,009 tackles, and 17 interceptions.

**Marvin Delph** – Delph, a Conway native, led Conway to two state titles in 1973 and 1974 and became Eddie Sutton's first in-state signee. Delph was a four-year letterman at Arkansas and led the Razorbacks to two NCAA Tournament appearances and a Final Four. He was a two-time All-SWC selection (1977 and 1978) and an AP Honorable Mention All American (1977). Delph ranked sixth among Razorback scorers with 1,742 points in 116 games and was Arkansas' top scorer in 1977 (552

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points) and 1976 (440 points). He ranked second in field goals made (609) at a time before the three-point goal was allowed.

**Jimmy Johnson** – Johnson, a native of Port Arthur, Texas, was the starting nose guard on the University of Arkansas' 11-0 National Championship team of 1964. After 14 years as a college assistant, Johnson was hired as head coach by Oklahoma State in 1979 and later coached at Miami in 1984. His college coaching record was 81-34-3, including a 52-6 record and a National Championship at Miami. Johnson became the Dallas Cowboys second head coach ever in 1989; and in his fourth and fifth seasons, he led the Cowboys to Super Bowl victories. He became the first football coach to win a National Championship as a player, as a division I college coach, and as an NFL coach. Johnson left Dallas in 1994, replaced Don Shula as Miami Dolphins head coach 2 years later, then went on to be a successful TV sports commentator.

**Mark Martin** – Martin, a Batesville native, is the first individual from auto racing to gain entry into the AR Sports Hall of Fame. He was the only driver to finish in the top ten in the final Winston Cup point standings from 1989 to 2000. Prior to this induction in 1998, Mark had 22 Winston Cup victories and 31 NASCAR Busch Grand National victories. During that time he also earned 32 Winston Cup pole positions. He was the 1989 National Motorsports Press Association Driver of the Year; and in 1990, he was selected to the first team of the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association All-America Team.

**Nolan Richardson** – Richardson, an El Paso, Texas native, coached the Razorbacks for 17 seasons, becoming the winningest basketball coach in school history (389-169). He led Arkansas to three NCAA Final Four appearances in the 1990's, including winning the 1994 national title and finishing in second place in 1995. Richardson's Razorbacks won three consecutive Southwest Conference titles - 1989, 1990, 1991 - and three Southeastern Conference titles - 1992, 1994 and 1995. Richardson won over 410 career

games including five seasons at Tulsa. While at Texas Western Junior College in 1980, Richardson won the national championship. While at Tulsa in 1981, he won the NIT. He is the only coach to win this particular Triple Crown – the NCAA, NIT, and NJCAA titles.

**Bill Stancil** – Stancil, a Parkin native, attended Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas. He started his coaching career as an assistant football coach at Blytheville High School in 1950. He was later promoted to the head basketball position in 1954. Stancil served as head football coach and athletic director at Fort Smith Northside from 1957-69 and compiled an overall record of 111-27-4. He had three undefeated teams and led Northside to state championships in 1961, 1966, 1967, and 1968. He was the National High School Coach of the Year for District 5 in 1967. He was the AHSCA Coach of the Year in 1967-69. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1997. He served 10 years in the Arkansas House of Representatives.

## Class of 1999

**Ben Pearson** – Pearson, a native of Paron, is considered a pioneer of modern archery and is credited with developing the molded fiberglass bow and designing and helping develop archery manufacturing machines. He was the founder of Ben Pearson Archery, Inc. and was noted for his deadly accuracy in competitive circles and for his hunts for wild game throughout the world. He is the lone representative from archery in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

**Mike Malham** – Malham, a native of Brinkley, spent 40 years coaching in both the high school and college levels and retired in 1989. During his career, he collected over 200 wins in both football and basketball. On the college level he served as an assistant football coach at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro for 19 years. In 1960, he was chosen as the state's top high school coach. Malham is also a member of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**Keith Jackson** – Jackson, a two-sport star at Parkview in the early 1980's, went on to become a two-time All-American tight end at the University of Oklahoma and a six-time selection for the National Football League's Pro Bowl. In his first seven years in the league, he caught more passes than any other tight end (388) for 4,636 yards and 38 touchdowns. Being a first round draft selection, Jackson had a nine-year NFL career with the Philadelphia Eagles, Miami Dolphins, and Green Bay Packers. He retired following Green Bay's Super Bowl XXXI win. In 2001, he was elected into the College Football Hall of Fame. Keith now devotes most of his time to P.A.R.K (Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids), a project that he founded in his hometown of Little Rock in the early 1990's.

**Pat Day** – Day, a native of Brush, CO, is the all-time leading jockey at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs with more than 1,000 victories. Upon his retirement in 2005, he was the 4<sup>th</sup> winningest jockey of all-time with 8,803 victories. His total earnings surpassed the \$297 million dollar mark. In the fall of 1984, Pat experienced his finest hour in racing, winning the Breeders Cup aboard Wild Again, and that victory skyrocketed his career. A four-time winner of the coveted Eclipse Award, Day won the 1992 Kentucky Derby aboard Lil E. Tee, a 16-1 shot. Overall he rode in 21 straight Kentucky Derby's.

**Al Joyner** – Joyner, a native of East St. Louis, IL, was a three-time All-American in track for Arkansas State University. He holds the ASU triple jump record of 56-71/2, achieved in 1983. During his senior season, he ranked No.10 among the world's triple jumpers. Although he was considered an outside contender for the 1984 Olympic games, Joyner won the gold medal with a jump of 56 feet, 7 ½ inches and had four of the five longest jumps in the Olympic finals. Joyner teamed with his sister, Jackie Joyner-Kersey to become the only brother-sister combination in American track and field history to win a medal each in the same Olympics (sister Jackie won the silver medal in the heptathlon). Al was also a three-time NCAA All-American and

a four-time Southland Conference Champion - 1980-83.

**Ronnie Caveness** – Caveness, a native of Houston, Texas, was one of the first out-of-state blue chip athletes to sign with Frank Broyles' Arkansas Razorbacks. Ronnie was a two-time All-American for the Hogs in 1963 and in 1964 when they went 11-0 and won the National Championship. A 6'2, 215-pound linebacker, Caveness was named to the "All Cotton Bowl" team, and his 29 tackles against Texas in 1963 remains a U of A record. Ronnie played professional football in the AFL for the Kansas City Chiefs, Houston Oilers, and the Boston Patriots. A knee injury ended his pro career after five seasons.

**Jerry Jones** – Jones, who was born in Los Angeles but claims North Little Rock as his home, is the owner, President, and General Manager of the Dallas Cowboys. Early in life, Jones starred as a running back at North Little Rock High School, earning a scholarship to play for the University of Arkansas. As a senior offensive guard, Jones was co-captain of the Arkansas National Championship team in 1964. After tremendous success in the oil and gas industry, Jones purchased the Cowboys following the 1988 season and promptly shook up Dallas and the National Football League by replacing Tom Landry with Jimmy Johnson, Jones's former Razorback teammate. From a 1-15 beginning in 1989, the Cowboys rebuilt their way to three Super Bowl Championships in a four-year period (1993-96). Jones was named Entrepreneur of the Year and one of Barbara Walter's 10 Most Interesting People. In 1995, *Financial World Magazine* recognized him as the owner of the "most valuable franchise" in the world.

## Class of 2000

**Ernest Rhone** – Rhone is one of the great success stories in Arkansas sports history. He went from being a football walk-on at Henderson State to an NAIA All-American. A long shot at making it in the NFL, Rhone starred for 10 years (1975-84) for Don Shula's Miami Dolphins. In 1982, he was the team captain and also led the team in tackles in Super

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Bowl XVII. Rhone also played in Super Bowl XIX.

**Charlie Jones** – Jones, a native of Ft. Smith, cut his teeth at a local radio station before becoming a pioneer in sports broadcasting and has the distinction of having broadcast Super Bowl I on NBC-TV. Over his career, he covered 28 different sports in 25 foreign countries, including three Olympics, 50 college football bowl games, and 28 years of NFL coverage. An award-winning journalist, Charlie's first book, "What Makes a Winner" was on the *New York Times* Bestseller List. He broadcast the first ever AFL game on NBC. Jones is also a recipient of the prestigious Pete Rozelle Radio and Television Award, in addition to being an Emmy winning producer and writer.

**Tommy Boyer** – Boyer, a Ft. Smith native, made his mark as one of the best pure shooters to come out of Arkansas. A pupil of another Hall of Famer, Coach Gayle Kaundart, Tommy starred for the Razorbacks in the early 1960's. A record setting free-throw shooter, Boyer was twice named All-Southwest Conference for the Hogs, plus he set three NCAA scoring records and posted national free throw shooting numbers. Tommy was also deadly from the field, hitting 14 of 18 shots in a game against TCU. In both his junior and senior years in high school, Tommy was named the state's most outstanding player; and in his senior season, he was an honorable mention All-American.

**Jack Stephens** – Prattsville native Jack Stephens has the distinction of being only the fourth Chairman of the most prestigious golf tournament in the world, The Masters. Stephens, who didn't take up golf until the age of 10, became a member of Augusta National Golf Club in 1962, a member of the Executive Committee in 1975, and Masters Chairman in 1991. Stephens was an avid supporter of junior golf in Arkansas for years; and in November of 1999, he made a personal contribution of \$5 million dollars to First Tee, a national foundation for youth golfers.

**Clyde Horton** – Alabama native, Horton made a huge splash on the

Arkansas sports scene, turning Little Rock Central into a program of national status. In 23 years, his Tigers won nine state track and field championships, as well as 15 states cross-country titles. Four times he was named "Coach of the Year" in Arkansas. Twice he was named District "National Coach of the Year." Clyde is also a member of the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame, the National Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and the Arkansas Tech University Hall of Distinction.

**Bobby Burnett** – Burnett's induction into the Hall of Fame placed his family in a category all by themselves. Bobby is the third member of his family in the ASHOF. His father Clell was a member of the Class of 1995, while younger brother Bill was inducted in 1996. A three-sport star at Smackover, Bobby set Razorback touchdown and rushing records as a senior, while becoming an All-SWC running back. Among his feats, he carried the ball 232 times as a Hog and never fumbled once. Professionally, he played for the Buffalo Bills – being named AFL Rookie of the year – and later for the Denver Broncos.

**C.W. Keopple** – Keopple was one of the state's most successful high school football coaches at Little Rock Hall. His accomplishments also include a Big 10 Championship in his first season, as well as conference titles in 1969, 1977, and 1982. He was a star on Jimmy Karam's 1949 football team that captured the "Little Rose Bowl". He is a recipient of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Curtis King Award.

**Bill Meriwether** – Paragould's Meriwether was an exceptional all-around athlete. While at Hendrix College, Bill lettered in football, baseball, golf, swimming, and track and field, but was best known for his exploits on the gridiron. He was captain of his football team as well as an All-Arkansas selection. Old-timers swear not once but twice that he punted the ball from behind his goal line to the other end zone. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he received the Bronze Star following the Battle of the Bulge.

## Class of 2001

**John Ed Anthony** – A native of Camden, Anthony took the thoroughbred racing industry by storm in the late 1970's. His Loblolly Stables produced horses that became household names in America. One of his best was Cox's Ridge, who finished second to Seattle Slew in Eclipse Award voting. Among his other greats were Temperance Hill, Deamons Begone, Pine Bluff, Prairie Bayou, and Vanlandingham. His stable accomplishments include victories at both the Preakness and Belmont. He is also a member of the prestigious New York Jockey Club.

**John (Kayo) Dottley** – After a stellar high school career at McGhee, Dottley headed for Ole Miss where he became a record-setting running back. In four years with the Rebels, he established nine school records including: career rushing, points in a season, and most yards in a game. Kayo also had the distinction of having led the nation in rushing in 1949 with 1,312 yards. In 1951 he was named NFL Rookie of the Year after leading the Chicago Bears in rushing. Dottley was inducted into both the University of Mississippi and the state of Mississippi's Sports Hall of Fame.

**Roy Green** – Magnolia's Roy Green was a rarity in the NFL, a star who could play both offense and defense. A fourth-round selection by the St. Louis Cardinals, Roy excelled as a receiver, defensive back, and kick returner. His 106 yard return was a league record. Green had three 1,000-yard receiving seasons, and twice he was chosen to play in the Pro Bowl. Green's 14-year NFL career ended with the Philadelphia Eagles. In college, he was a three-time All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference selection at Henderson State University.

**Orville (O.H.) Henry** – For more than 50 years, this Little Rock native's notes graced the pages of Arkansas's top newspapers as one of America's premiere college football writers. He went from the "office boy cub reporter" at the Arkansas Gazette to serving as Sports Editor from 1943 until 1989. Henry built a close association with Razorback football

coach Frank Broyles that was unmatched by any other journalist and coach in America. An avid golfer, "O.H." also covered the Masters at Augusta National for many years. A past president of the Football Writers of America, he was also Arkansas' correspondent for Sports Illustrated magazine for 40 years.

**Jerry Lamb** – A native of Houston, TX, Lamb was one of the first Texas "blue chip" athletes to buy into Frank Broyles' plan to build a national football power at the University of Arkansas. He was twice named All-Southwest Conference as a receiver – 1963-64. Although he was considered the consummate team player, the awards kept coming: SWC Offensive Newcomer of the Year, the U of A's All-Decade Team, as well as being named to the American Football Coaches All-American squad. He played on the Hogs' 1964 National Championship team and had a brief professional stint with the Kansas City Chiefs of the old American Football League.

**Houston Nutt, Sr.** – A native of Fordyce, Houston excelled as both an athlete and coach. He has the distinction of having played for legendary coaches Adolph Rupp (Kentucky) and Hank Iba (Oklahoma State). Upon graduation he played for the American Association for the Deaf with his brothers, and they captured a Gold Medal in Milan, Italy in 1957. His coaching career spanned 31 years, as he recorded 500-plus victories. Nutt was also a member of the American Association for the Deaf Hall of Fame and the Arkansas High School Hall of Fame.

**Helen Parker** – A native of Ashdown, Helen spent 35 years at her alma mater putting together some of the state's top women's basketball and volleyball teams. Her basketball teams won state championships in 1957, '68, '69, and '70. Three times they were state runner-up, six times they made it to the state semi-finals, and four times they were presented the state "Sportsmanship Trophy." In volleyball, her squads won the state title and two districts championships. In 1982, she was one of sixteen coaches in America to be awarded the "Distinguished Service Award" from the National High School

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Coaches Associations. She retired from coaching in 1993, and Ashdown's gymnasium bears her name.

**Ken Turner** – A native of Blackton in eastern Arkansas, Ken spent 44 years in athletics in his home state. After coaching stops at Eudora and West Memphis High School, he joined Frank Broyles' staff at Arkansas. There he developed a national reputation as one of the top kicking coaches in America. He worked for three Razorback coaches (Frank Broyles, Lou Holtz, and Ken Hatfield). Turner returned to his alma mater, Henderson State, in 1989, taking the head football coach's position; and later became Henderson's Athletic Director.

## Class of 2002

**Steve Atwater** – Atwater was one of the top defensive backs to ever play at the University of Arkansas - three times he was named All-Southwest conference. As a senior, he was chosen as a first-team All-American. The NFL's Denver Broncos thought enough of him to make him the 20<sup>th</sup> player taken in the 1989 draft. A solid first year earned him a spot on the NFL All-Rookie Team. While playing for the Broncos, he was chosen to the Pro Bowl eight times (three times as a starter). Atwater, a native of St. Louis, MO, also played in 14 NFL post-season games.

**Tommy Bolt** – Bolt was one of the more colorful players to ever step on a golf course and win. Those close to him say that he did it with flair, style, and a go-for-broke attitude. He racked up 15 PGA Tour wins from 1951-61 and won a dozen tournaments on the Senior Tour in as many years. His most notable victory was the 1958 United States Open at Southern Hills. Twice he was chosen to the prestigious Ryder Cup Team (1955 and 1957). Among his many wins on the Senior Tour were the PGA Senior, the World Seniors Championship, and the coveted U.S. National (four times). Bolt lived at Cherokee Village.

**Brandon Burlsworth** – One of the most decorated offensive lineman in Razorback history, Burlsworth went from being a football walk-on to a first

team All-America selection his senior season. Not only was he All-SEC, he made the All-SEC Academic Team for four straight years. He was the only University of Arkansas player to earn his master's degree before playing his final game. He played on two Western Division SEC championship teams for the Hogs and was the 63<sup>rd</sup> player taken in the 1999 NFL Draft (Indianapolis Colts). He was killed in a tragic car accident just before reporting to training camp. His U of A jersey (# 77) is the only the second retired in school history. Burlsworth was a native of Harrison.

**Ralph (Sporty) Carpenter** – One of the most successful football coaches in the AIC, Sporty paced the sidelines at Henderson State University for 19 seasons. He was the winningest coach in HSU history, having an overall record of 119-76-5. In the early 1970's, Henderson won three consecutive AIC championships (1973, 1974, and 1975). In his 19 seasons in the league, 13 of his teams finished in the top 20 in the NAIA poll. After his 5<sup>th</sup> AIC title in 1985, Sporty was named NAIA Coach of the Year. He served as President of the NAIA Coaches Association, and the stadium at HSU bears his name "Carpenter – Haygood Stadium." Sporty, a native of Monticello, also had stops as a high school coach at Wynne and also Magnolia.

**Joe Foley** – Foley is one of the winningest basketball coaches in college basketball history. At the time of his induction into the ASHOF, he had an unbelievable winning percentage of 85%. He guided the Golden Suns of Arkansas Tech University to two National Championships (1992 and 1993), and his teams made it to the Women's Division II Final Four six times. He also has to his credit two NCAA South Regional Championships. Twice he was named National Coach of the Year, with his teams winning 20 or more games fourteen times. In the 1990's, his teams went 285 and 53. He is currently the women's basketball coach at UALR and is a native of Alpena.

**Rush (Buddy) Harding** – A very successful high school coach in Arkansas for nearly 4 decades, Harding made the Clarendon Lions a

football and track powerhouse. His football teams won 151 games while losing only 57. He averaged 8.3 wins a seasons in route to one football state championship and six district titles. In track and field, his teams won five state championships and eight district titles. Three times his basketball team qualified for the state tournament, and twice Buddy was selected to coach in the High School All-Star game. The football field at Clarendon High School bears his name - "Harding Field". Buddy is a native of Holly Grove.

**Joe Kleine** – A two-time All-Southwest Conference performer for Eddie Sutton's Razorbacks, Joe was named SWC Newcomer of the Year after transferring from Notre Dame. In his final two seasons Joe was the Hogs' leading scorer and ended his career as the U of A's fourth all-time leading scorer (1,753 points). His senior season was his best as he averaged 22.2 points and 8.4 rebounds a game. In 1984 he represented the United States on the US Olympic basketball team, winning a gold medal. Professionally, he spent 15 years in the NBA. The Kings drafted him in the first round, and Joe won a world championship title with the Chicago Bulls in 1997-98. A native of Slater, MO, he played pro ball for the Kings, Celtics, Suns, Nets, Lakers, and Bulls.

**Willis (Convoy) Leslie** – Leslie was an outstanding player and coach at then Arkansas A&M (now the University of Arkansas Monticello). As head coach, he guided the Weevils to three consecutive Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships (1955, 56, & 57) with an overall record of 34-11-1. Convoy's winning percentage of 75% is tops in UAM history. Overall he had 22 players make all-conference, with three grabbing All-America status. As a player at Fordyce, he was a bruising all-state fullback for the Redbugs and was a two-year all-conference player (1946 & 1948). A native of Fordyce, UAM named their football stadium in his memory.

**Junior Lewis** – A native of Ft. Smith, and a longtime teaching professional at the Country Club of Little Rock, Lewis was affectionately known as "Pro." Lewis and his brother Paul spent endless hours teaching

youngsters the game of golf. They were also very instrumental in the development and growth of the Junior Golf program in our state. Lewis was an excellent junior player himself, capturing the 1936 Arkansas State High School Championship while at St. Anne's. In 1997, both he and his brother, Paul, were inducted into the Arkansas Golf Hall of Fame.

**Frank McClellan** – McClellan, a native of Sallis, MS, was one of the most successful high school coaches in America and is the winningest coach in Arkansas high school history. At one time his Barton Bears held the national record for the most consecutive regular season wins (111), as well as the record for most consecutive wins with 63. His teams won eight state championships, 21 district titles, and produced an unbelievable 18 perfect seasons. Frank served on the All-Star staff six times; and twice he was named Coach of the Year in Arkansas. The AR Democrat-Gazette voted him Coach of the Decade for the 1990's. He is a member of the Delta State Hall of Fame and the National High School Hall of Fame.

**Cliff Powell** – Powell was a high school quarterback who went on to become one of the most decorated linebackers in University of Arkansas history. He became the school's all-time tackle leader – and did it in three seasons - with 367 tackles. In the 1969 Shootout with number one Texas, he was in on 24 tackles. His junior and senior seasons he racked up 288 tackles, and the Houston Post named him "Southwest Conference Player of the Year." He is a member of the U of A's All-Decade Team for the 1960's and the Hogs' All-Century Team. This Eudora native was inducted into the U of A Hall of Honor in 2001.

## Class of 2003

**Howard O'Neal Adams** – Adams was a three-sport letterman (football, basketball, and track) at the University of Arkansas in the late 1930's and early 40's. He had touchdown runs of 50 yards and 15 yards in a 14-13 win over TCU. Adams served as captain and co-captain in both football and basketball. He played for the New

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York Giants, and they named him their "Rookie of the Year." He had a 66-yard interception return in NFL championship game versus the Redskins, which led the league at that time. A native of El Paso, he played both pro football and pro baseball (Brooklyn Dodgers), although his athletic career was cut short by the military draft.

**Jim Bailey** – One of the most noted sportswriters to ever grace the sports pages of an Arkansas newspaper, Jim spent 35 years with the Arkansas Gazette. The late Orville Henry called Bailey the greatest ever to grace an Arkansas sports page, and maybe anywhere. Sixteen times his peers voted him "Sportswriter of the Year" in Arkansas. Bailey covered the old Southwest Conference (football and basketball) for a decade and covered the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and other state schools for 20 years. He was a fixture in the press box at Ray Winder Field for 30 seasons; and for five seasons, he was a beat writer, covering the baseball Cardinals. He was also a noted author ("The Razorbacks and Frank Broyles" - an autobiography). He received the 1990 SAU Distinguished Alumnus Award and is a native of Emerson.

**Calvin Harrell** – One of the top running backs in Arkansas State football history, Harrell rushed for more than 1,000 yards two of his three seasons. His junior year was his best as he ran for 1,265 yards. Harrell was chosen to both the Kodak and the Associated Press All-American teams, and he played in the North-South All-Star game and three Pecan Bowls. Harrell had eighteen 100-yard games and was chosen to the Southland Conference All-Decade team. He was a 5<sup>th</sup> round draft pick of the NFL's Miami Dolphins, but opted to take his talents to the Canadian Football League, where he rushed for more than 2,900 yards for the Edmonton Eskimos. He is a native of Augusta.

**Clyde Hart** – One of America's most decorated track and field coaches, Hart guided Baylor University's track program for more than 40 years. Hart coached nine world record holders, 125 All-Americans, and 21 NCAA champions, coaching both the men and women at Baylor. He was voted

the NCAA Indoor Coach of the Year award in both 1989 and 1996. He was also the 1996 USOC Track Coach of the Year, and his star athletes won 5 Olympic gold medals, one bronze medal, and also turned in ten world-record performances. He was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2001. On the high school level, he coached Little Rock Central to 10 state championships and was an outstanding athlete in his own right, running a 9.8 hundred-yard dash. Hart is a native of Hot Springs.

**Sonny Ingram** – One of the top amateur boxers to ever come out of Arkansas, Ingram posted an unbelievable amateur record of 200-14. Three times he was voted the Mid-South Golden Gloves MVP. From 1949-52, Sonny was crowned the Arkansas AAU middleweight champion and also earned that title in 1955. He was also named the MVP at the nationals in San Diego in 1954. Normally a middleweight, Sonny became the first Golden Gloves boxer to win two trophies in two different weight divisions in the Tournament of Champions. He was known as the "boy with the golden shoes." A native of Vilonia, Sonny also had a short professional career, winning his first 10 bouts.

**Guy Kochel** – Kochel is a coaching great who molded Arkansas State University's track program into a powerhouse, with his ASU teams winning nine Southland Conference championships. He was named Conference Coach of the Year six times and was highly regarded both nationally and internationally, having coached two Olympic Festival teams, along with five International teams. Kochel tutored six Olympians - Earl Bell, Al Joyner, Andrew Valman, Meredith Rainey, Ed Preston, and Jeff Hartwig. Kochel's specialty was the pole vault, and he tutored two of the best in the world in Earl Bell and Jeff Hartwig. A native of DeWitt, he coached on the high school level at Pine Bluff and Stuttgart and was inducted into the ASU Hall of Honor in 1984.

**Lou Schaufele** – Over a 27-year period, Schaufele became one of the most highly respected football officials in all of college football. He worked his way up from the junior high level to the Division I level,

where he worked two national championship games – the Sugar Bowl (Georgia vs. Notre Dame) and the Orange Bowl (Colorado vs. Notre Dame). He also worked the Aloha, Citrus, Sun, Blue Bonnet, and Holiday Bowls. Schaufele was also an outstanding athlete at the U of A, starting three years in football and was a 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Southwest Conference player. A native of Little Rock, he also played on state championship football and baseball teams in high school and was "Rookie of the Year" in the Cotton States League after leading the league in home runs.

**Bill Valentine** – Valentine served as general manager of the Arkansas Traveler's for more than a quarter of a century and was voted Texas League General Manager of the Year in 1976, '77, '78, '88, and '99. In 1988, Sporting News named Valentine the Class AA Executive of the Year. One of the top promoters in the industry Valentine's teams drew more than six million fans through the turnstiles at Ray Winder Field (he also coined the phrase "It never rains at Ray Winder Field"). Prior to getting into baseball management, Valentine worked as an American League Umpire and was the youngest person (18 years old) to ever umpire a professional baseball game. Bill also officiated basketball for 33 years, working the Southwest Conference, Missouri Valley, and Arkansas Intercollegiate Conferences. A native of Little Rock, Bill is also an inductee in the Arkansas Officials Association Hall of Fame.

**Darrell Walker** – One of the top guards to ever play basketball for the Razorbacks, Walker was an explosive player who could beat opponents off the dribble. He started three-years for Eddie Sutton's Hogs and was named the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year twice. During his senior season, he made not only All-SWC, but All-American as well. At the U of A, he ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in steals, 9<sup>th</sup> in career free throws made, 8<sup>th</sup> in assists, and 16<sup>th</sup> in scoring. The NBA's New York Knicks made him their first pick (12<sup>th</sup> in the draft). Walker made the NBA's All-Rookie squad and played 10 years in the NBA, winning a World Championship with the Chicago Bulls in 1992-93. After his playing days

ended, Darrell, a native of Chicago, went into coaching and served as head coach of both the Toronto Raptors and Washington Wizards.

**W.T. Watson** – Watson spent 39 years with Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia (player, coach, and athletic director). He was the Muleriders' head basketball coach for 17 seasons and took the program from one of the worst to one of the best, winning three AR Intercollegiate Conference Championships (1966, 67, and 71). His Muleriders also won three District 17 titles. Watson's SAU teams were noted for their stellar defense, and he posted an overall record of 300-151. A native of Hampton, Watson played basketball and baseball at Southern State and ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the school's "300 Club" with 386 points scored.

**John Widner** – Widner is the winningest coach in Arkansas basketball history with a record of 875-197. His name was synonymous with Arkansas basketball, as he was a pioneer in his home state. It all began in the mid-1950's in Omaha, with coaching stops in Green Forest, Flippin, Leachville, and Morrilton. His Devil Dogs made six consecutive trips to the state championship game, winning it all in 1973-74 with a record of 32-3. He coached in the high school All-Star game seven-times and averaged 22 wins a season for 14 consecutive years. He moved to the college ranks, taking over his alma mater Arkansas Tech and guiding them to 22 wins (which earned him AIC Coach of the Year honors). A native of Alpena, he was inducted into both the AR High School Coaches Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1996.

## Class of 2004

**Jesse Branch** – A 3-sport star at Watson Chapel, Branch went on to become an All-Southwest Conference running back at Arkansas, playing both offense and defense for the Hogs. He spent 3 seasons in the Canadian Football League, setting a CFL record with a 105-yard kickoff return, and was a longtime assistant coach at the U of A, coaching under Frank Broyles, Lou Holtz, and Ken Hatfield. He was the winningest

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coach in Southwest Missouri State history, posting a 55-44-1 record. Twice he was named Gateway Conference Coach of the Year. He was inducted into both the U of A and Southwest Missouri State Halls of Honor and coached for 4 seasons at Henderson State University.

**Claude “Bud” Campbell** – The longtime voice of the Arkansas Razorbacks, Bud also served as the host of the popular “Frank Broyles Television Show”. Bud was the sports director at both KATV and KARK television and was one of only a few outside of ABC Sports chosen to broadcast games on the network level. Bud came to Little Rock from Chicago, where he was a member of the Chicago Cubs broadcast crew. Bud was a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Bud Canada** – A native of Hot Springs, Bud starred at the University of Arkansas as both a running back and end. He played for both Glen Rose and John Barnhill and starred on the first U of A team to win a bowl game (Dixie Bowl). He was a key member of the 1947 SWC champs who took on LSU in the Cotton Bowl. Canada was also a member of the U of A's record setting 440-yard relay team and was inducted into the U of A Hall of Honor in 2003.

**Steve Cox** – Cox ranks as the best kicking specialist to ever come out of Arkansas and was chosen All-Southwest Conference twice. He also went on to be selected as an All-American by UPI, Sporting News, College and Pro Football Weekly, and Football News. Cox was selected early by the Cleveland Browns in the 1981 NFL draft, and his 60-yard field goal is the second longest in NFL history. Cox holds the record for the longest fields goals kicked in both Cleveland (58 & 60 yards) and Washington (55 and 57 yards). Cox also holds the U of A punting record with a 45.2 yard average and won a Super Bowl Champion with Washington.

**Bill Davidson** – A longtime assistant coach and head football coach at Arkansas State University, Davidson guided the Indians to the Southland Conference Championship in 1978. His 1975 unbeaten ASU team was

nationally ranked (23<sup>rd</sup>), as they posted wins over the likes of Memphis State, Cincinnati, and Louisiana Tech. He had an overall record of 51-32-1 and also served as Athletic Director at ASU for 12 years. He is a member of the “Ring of Honor” at ASU, a member of the ASU Hall of Honor, and is a native of Manila.

**Cliff Garrison** – A 40-year veteran of the coaching ranks in Arkansas, Garrison's overall record (including high school) is 578-415. He spent 31 seasons as the head coach at Hendrix College and posted a record of 463-376, making him the third winningest college basketball coach in state history. His Hendrix teams won 5 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships. Three times Cliff was named AIC Coach of the Year, and twice he was chosen NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year. He is one of only 10 men's coaches in Arkansas to win more than 300 games. A native of Forrest City, Garrison served as Athletic Director at Hendrix and is an inductee of the Hendrix Hall of Fame as well as the Forest City Hall of Fame.

**Wayne Martin** – A combination of speed and agility, he was one of the top defensive linemen to ever come out of Arkansas. He was named to both All-Southwest Conference and All-American teams (AP, UPI, and Sporting News) his senior season at Arkansas, racking up 25 ½ sacks for the Razorbacks. He was taken 19<sup>th</sup> in the opening round of the 1989 NFL draft by the New Orleans Saints and became the team's all-time “sacks leader” with 82½. Three times he was named NFC's “Defensive Player of the Week” and was also named to the Pro Bowl team in 1994. Martin played 11 seasons for the Saints and is a member of the Saints Hall of Fame, a winner of the NFL's “Extra Effort Award,” and the recipient of the “Ed Block Courage Award”. Martin is a native of Forrest City.

**J.P. Moore** – Coming out of Benton High School, Moore was one of the most highly recruited players in the country and during his senior season in high school, he scored 20 of Benton's 23 touchdowns. He also set the state record in the 100-yard dash with a time of 9.9 seconds and broke the state high school discus record

with a throw of 137 feet 10 inches. A star running back/punter, he signed with Bear Bryant to play at Vanderbilt. He was one of the select few at Vandy who played both offense and defense and also kicked, returned punts, and returned kickoffs. His punt return average of 32.2 yards was a school record, and one of his punts went a record 80 yards.

**Wendy Scholtens Wood** – One of the top female basketball players ever to come out of Arkansas (Ft. Smith Southside), Wendy played on 3 state championship teams for the Lady Rebels, who posted a 95-5 record during that span. Three times she was named Most Valuable Player in the state tournament and was also named a Parade All-American. Wendy's teams set a record of 55 wins in a row, and she was voted Arkansas' Athlete of the Decade (1980-90). At Vanderbilt she was one of the best in the talent-rich Southeastern Conference. Three times she was All-SEC; 8-times she was named SEC “Player of the Week.” Her first season, she was named SEC Freshman of the Year. Wendy was also named to the All-SEC Academic team. She had a brief professional career in Japan and was inducted into the Tennessee Hall of Fame in 1999.

## Class of 2005

**William “Bud” Brooks** – A member of the 1954 renowned “25 Little Pigs,” Brooks was a two-way performer for the Razorbacks. Brooks was an All-American and won the prestigious Outland Trophy as the best lineman in college football in 1955. He was also the Hogs Most Valuable Player in the 1955 Cotton Bowl. He was selected to play for the South team in the Senior Bowl and was named to the U of A All-Decade Team (1950's) and the Razorback All-Century team. He was inducted into the Razorback Hall of Honor in 1994. A native of Wynne, the Detroit Lions too him with the 60<sup>th</sup> pick in the NFL draft.

**Maurice Carthon** – A two-time All-Southland Conference performer at Arkansas State University for Larry Laceywell's Indians in the late 1970's and early 80's, Carthon starred in both the NFL and the US Football League. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading

rusher for the New Jersey Generals (behind Hershel Walker) and later was a standout for the NFL's New York Giants, playing in the Super Bowl in 1986 and 90. Carthon was named to ASU's 1980's All-Decade Team and is a native of Osceola.

**Scott Hastings** – Hastings was a 3-time All-Southwest Conference performer and a 4-year letterman for Eddie Sutton's Razorbacks. He left the U of A as the Hogs 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time leading scorer (1,779 points) behind Sidney Moncrief. Hastings was the first freshman ever to be named to the SWC All-Tournament team and was the 29<sup>th</sup> player taken in the 1982 NBA Draft (New York Knicks). He played in 557 games in his 11-year NBA career and was a member of the 1990 World Champion Detroit Pistons. Hastings is a native of Independence, Kansas.

**Terri Conder Johnson** – One of the most outstanding & decorated players in Arkansas women's basketball history, Terri played for the University of Central Arkansas and was named an All-American 3 times (including making the prestigious Kodak All America Team) and All-Conference, 4-times. As a senior, she set an NAIA free throw record, hitting 20 of 23 in a game against Arkansas Tech. In high school she was a 4-sport standout, winning the Pentathlon in 1981, which was not bad for an athlete whose high school didn't even have track facilities! Terri was inducted into the UCA Hall of Fame in 2001 and was voted Arkansas' Female Runner of the Year in 2000. She is a native of Rose Bud.

**Cortez Kennedy** – Kennedy was one of the best defensive linemen to ever play in the National Football League. The Seattle Seahawks made him the 3<sup>rd</sup> player chosen in the 1990 draft. Kennedy was named to the Pro Bowl in just his second season, after he had racked up 14 quarterback sacks. Overall he was named to the Pro Bowl 8-times. He had amazing quickness for his size (6'3 and 295 pounds) and was named to the NFL's 1990's All-Decade Team. Kennedy was an All-American defensive lineman at the University of Miami, winning the national championship during his senior year with them. He played high school ball at Wilson Rivercrest and is a native of Osceola.

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**J.P. Lovelady** – Lovelady was one of the all-time great players in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, starting at Arkansas Tech from 1958-'61. He was All-AIC (1958, '60, & '61); and in 1961, he was named to the Associated Press All-American team. His 42 points against Arkansas Monticello is the 11<sup>th</sup> highest in Tech history. Lovelady was capable of playing all three positions (guard, forward, and center). As a freshman, he guided the AR Tech Wonder Boys to the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City and to an overall 4-year record of 73 - 25. He drew attention from the NBA's St. Louis Hawks and is a native of Dover.

**Mickey O'Quinn** – Mickey is one of Arkansas' pioneers when it came to weight training and conditioning. He also made his mark as a successful high school coach with stops in Warren, Arkadelphia, and Parkin. Not only did his Warren football teams win big (59 - 9), he coached the school's swim team to 18 state championships. On the college level, he served as strength coach for the Razorbacks during the time they won the 1964 National Championship. He initially played for Little Rock Junior College when they won the 1949 National Junior College Championship at the Junior Rose Bowl. He became an All-AIC football player and later became a longtime Athletic Director at Henderson State and was inducted into the Reddie Hall of Honor. He is a native of Malvern.

**Scottie Pippen** – Pippen was voted one of the "50 Greatest Players in NBA History," which pretty well says it all. He was a major star on six Chicago Bulls World Championship teams. Teaming up with Michael Jordan, they formed one of the best backcourts in NBA history. Pippen was named to the "All Defensive" team in 1992-99 and twice he was a member of the Gold Medal U.S. Olympic basketball team. His pro career also took him to the Houston Rockets and Portland Trailblazers. A true Cinderella story, Pippen started out his career as the basketball team manager at the University of Central Arkansas then developed into a collegiate All-American there. A native of Hamburg, he was the 5<sup>th</sup> player taken in the 1987 draft.

**Carl Sawatzki** – A former major league player with the Cubs, White Sox, Red Sox, Phillies, Cardinals, Milwaukee Braves, and New York Giants, Sawatzki was a member of the 1957 World Champion Milwaukee Braves. He signed his first professional contract at the ripe age of 16 and was best known as a catcher with the St. Louis Cardinals when Maury Wills stole his record setting 97<sup>th</sup> base (September 23, 1962). Upon his retirement, he became the General Manager of the Arkansas Travelers and later President of the Texas League. He is a native of Pennsylvania.

**Hal Smith** – Smith was an outstanding catcher with the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1950's and 60's. After 5 seasons in the minor leagues he was called up on May 2, 1956. His career high 13 home runs and 50 RBI's earned him All-Star status in 1959. He was also a member of the 1957 National League All-Star team. Hal was a .258 career hitter with 23 home runs and 172 RBI's. He was also an excellent defensive player, with a career fielding percentage of .989. He made only 9 errors in 141 games in 1959 and only 7 errors in 124 games in 1969. Smith played with both the Cards and Pirates, playing with greats such as Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, and Roberto Clemente. He is a native of Barling.

**Dr. Doyne Williams** – Having racked up 30 World Championships, Doyne is one of the elite trap shooters in the world. His favorite win was the Senior Veteran Clay Target Championship, which he won with a perfect 200 straight. Ten times he was chosen to the prestigious ATA All-American Team, being captain of the Veteran team three of those times. He has also won 30 trophies in national Satellite Grand competitions, 93 trophies at the Arkansas State Shoot, 122 trophies in state shoot tournaments across the country, and 7 regional Southwestern Zone titles. He has made the AR State Trapshooting Team a record 30 times and has been the number 1 shooter in the state in the various shooting disciplines 12 times. A native of Little Rock, Doyne has registered almost 300,000 competitive targets & was inducted into the Arkansas State Trapshooting Federation's Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Nancy Williams** – Doyne's wife and one of the world's top trap shooters, Nancy has won 8 World Championships and has been a member of the prestigious ATA Trapshooting All-American Team (women's category) 13 times. During a shooting career spanning 30 years, Nancy has won the top Ladies Singles title 28 times. In addition, she has won a State Singles title, a State Handicap title, and a High All-Around title, which are significant in that she not only beat all of the ladies at the tournament but all of the men too! She has 34 wins in national Satellite Grand tournaments, 169 wins at AR State Shoots, 191 wins at other state shoots across the country, and 58 wins in SW Zone competitions. This native of Mena, AR, has made the AR State Trapshooting Team 21 times and was inducted into the Arkansas Trapshooting Hall of Fame in 1991.

## Class of 2006

**Gary Anderson** – A high school standout in Columbia, Missouri, Anderson became an All-America running back at the University of Arkansas. He was chosen All-Southwest Conference in 1982, and his stellar play earned him MVP honors in the Gator, Hall of Fame, and Blue Bonnet Bowls. He was a record setting kick returner for the Hogs and was a first-round draft pick of both the San Diego Chargers (NFL) and Tampa of the (USFL). While with the Chargers, he rushed for 3,409 yards and racked up 2,999 yards receiving. He later coached the Arena Football Arkansas Twisters.

**Ray Brown** – One of the most durable players to ever don a football uniform, Brown spent an unbelievable 20 years in the National Football League. By the time he retired, the Marion native was older than two of the league's coaches. He was an offensive line anchor for the Redskins, 49ers, Lions, and Cardinals. Ray played his college football at both Memphis State and Arkansas State and starred for the Indians as a blocking tight end in their wishbone offense where he became an All-Southland Conference performer.

**Bernie Cox** – Cox was one of Arkansas most successful high

school football coaches. Upon his induction into the Hall of Fame, he had captured 7 state championships, while winning more than 255 games - only two coaches, Wilson Matthews and Frank McClellan (both ASHOF inductees), have won more state titles. Bernie's championships came in 1975, '78, '80, '81, '86, '03, and '04. He was named by the National Federation of High Schools as their Coach of the Year in 2004 and was the winningest coach in Little Rock Central history. Central High now plays on the "Bernie Cox Field."

**John Daly** – Daly became one of the world's most recognizable golfers when he came out of nowhere to capture the coveted PGA Championship at Crooked Stick in 1991. John won his second major across the pond, winning the 1995 British Open and becoming the youngest golfer in history to win two majors. This former Razorback player first turned professional in 1990, winning the Ben Hogan Utah Classic. He was the PGA Tour Rookie of the Year in 91; and in 2004, he made a career high 17 cuts in 22 starts. He is known for his "grip it and rip it" approach, and has been one of golf's most popular players ever.

**Bettye Fiscus Dickey** – A native of Wynne, she is listed as the first "great" women's basketball player for the modern day Lady Razorbacks. Having guided Wynne to the 1981 state championship (scoring 18 points in the final 2:30 minutes of the title game), she also became a legend at the University of Arkansas. The first Lady Razorback to score more than 1,000 points in her career, Bettye took the U of A to the Sweet 16 as a freshman. She's a member of the Southwest Conference's All-Decade team and had her number 5 jersey retired. She continues to hold a number of U of A records to this day.

**Paul Eells** – A native of West Branch, Iowa, the longtime Sports Director at Little Rock's KATV Channel 7 was named "Sportscaster of the Year" in Arkansas 11 times. Numerous additional times, he was voted "Best Play-by-Play" by the Associated Press. Paul served as the radio voice for Razorback football for 27 years, becoming one of the state's most celebrated and beloved broadcasters of all-time. In his early

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years at KATV, he worked both football and basketball games, as well as handled the announcing for the baseball Razorbacks. He was noted for two catch phrases: "Oh My!" and "Touchdown Arkansas!" Paul was killed in a tragic auto accident just prior to the start of the 2006 football season.

**Jay Freeman** – A native of England, AR, Jay was one of the state's most successful tennis players of all-time. The first Arkansan ever invited to play at Wimbledon, he won just about every tournament possible. He was the state champ in juniors, men's open singles, men's doubles, and the father-son division. In the Southern Section, he won 8 doubles titles and was ranked in the top 10 in men's singles five times. Jay also won 8 national championships in doubles play and was part of the nation's top-ranked doubles team 3-times. He is a charter member of the Arkansas Tennis Hall of Fame.

**Fred Grim** – The pride of Green Forest, he starred both as a player and coach. Having made All-State, he became a Razorback, guiding the Hogs (14.2 points per game) to a Southwest Conference basketball championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament his senior year. Afterwards he played in the East-West Shrine Game and was drafted by the Syracuse Nationals of the NBA. In his more than 25 years as coach at Green Forest, he won more than 500 games. During his early playing days, he played for Hall of Fame coaches Gayle Kaundart, John Widner, and Glen Rose.

**Henry Hawk** – A native of Conway, Hawk was a good all-around athlete, making All-State in both football and basketball. Overall he earned 17 letters. As an All-American running back at then Arkansas State Teachers College, Henry posted the highest rushing average for a game (13.6), a season (7.2 yards), and punt return yardage in a season (424 total yards). He was an All-AIC selection (1955-59) and was chosen to play in the All-American Bowl in 1959. Henry later became a successful high school coach at North Little Rock and Conway, as well as one of the state's most noted distance runners.

**E.C. O'Neal** – During the early 1950's O'Neal was one of the most gifted basketball players to come out of Arkansas. A stellar player at Branch and County Line, he attended Arkansas Tech, where he led the Wonder Boys to the NAIA National tournament in Kansas City, Missouri. His sophomore season, E.C. averaged more than 27 points a game on a team that averaged nearly 100 points a game. His final 3 seasons, he averaged 27, 22, and 20 points a game. In 1954 he received the Neil Martin Award as the state's top player. He was All-AIC 3-times and made third team All-American as a senior.

**Charles Ripley** – Over a span of two decades, "Coach Rip" became one of the state's most successful basketball coaches of all-time. Little Rock Parkview won only 4 games the previous season prior to his arrival. They quickly became a national power, wrapping up 5 state championships, 10 league titles, and two King Cotton crowns. During the 1989 season, they upset New York's Tollentine High, which was ranked #1 in the country. Rip's 1991-92 squads finished 35 and 1 and were ranked as high as #4 in the nation. Parkview reached the state title game in 10 of his 21 seasons, and Coach Rip had an overall record at Parkview of 487 and 151.

## Class of 2007

**Rod Smith** – A 3-time Pro Bowl selection and a member of two Super Bowl Champion teams, Smith ranks as one of the greatest receivers in National Football League history, and Rod continues to add to his record setting career - going into this season, his Denver Bronco records included a big one: the most touchdowns in franchise history. He was chosen as a free agent by Denver in 1994, after an All-American career at Missouri Southern University. Smith was the first undrafted player in NFL history to eclipse the 10,000 yard mark in receiving. He has more catches (797), more receiving yards (10,877), and more receiving touchdowns (65) than any undrafted player in league history. He ranks among the top 15 in the NFL in career receptions. Smith has served as the Bronco's team captain since 2001, and Coach

Mike Shanahan calls him the best player he has ever coached. Rod was a high school stand-out at Texarkana, making All-State and playing in the Arkansas High School All-Star Game. He is a native of Texarkana.

**William Roaf** – Undoubtedly one of the most dominating offensive linemen to play professional football, he was lightly recruited out of Pine Bluff High. He went on, however, to become a first round NFL draft pick (8th overall and the 1<sup>st</sup> offensive lineman). With a combination of strength, size, and speed, Roaf started out in the NFL at tackle, then moved to guard, and is now considered to have been one of the best in the league. A perennial Pro-Bowler, he was also named the NFL's Lineman of the Year. He played college football at Louisiana Tech, where he was runner-up for the Outland Trophy. As a collegiate senior, he yielded just one sack all season long. He played for both New Orleans and Kansas City and is a native of Pine Bluff.

**Bobby Crockett** – Crockett is one of the all-time great receivers in University of Arkansas history and was a first team All-Southwest Conference player. Crockett averaged 17.3 yards per catch in 1964 and 16.2 yards per catch in 1965 on his way to a total of 46 passes, 746 yards, and 4 career touchdowns. In the 1966 Cotton Bowl (vs. LSU), he set a bowl record with 10 receptions and 129 yards. He also scored Arkansas' only touchdown in that game. He was chosen to the U of A's All-Decade Team (1960's) and the All-Century Team. He played pro ball for the AFL Buffalo Bills (1966-1969) and is a native of Dermott.

**Tom Pagnozzi** – A transfer from Central Arizona, Tom spent but one season with the Razorbacks before embarking on a 12-year career in the big leagues. He made his mark in a hurry, being named All-Southwest Conference and All-American. Pagnozzi hit .362, driving in 50 runs, while guiding the Hogs to the NCAA Midwest Regional in Tulsa. The Cardinals drafted Tom in the 8<sup>th</sup> round of the 1983 draft, and he would spend 12 seasons with the Redbirds. Among his awards he was named to

the 1992 All-Star Team, won 3 Gold Gloves for his work behind the plate, and tied the Major League record for fielding percentage of .999 (making just one error in 1992). A native of Tucson, Arizona, he resides in Northwest Arkansas.

**Sam Goodwin** – Goodwin was an NAIA All-American at HSU and was named All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference on both offense and defense. He was also chosen to the All-AIC Decade Team. He was also an AIC champion in the discus, winning three championships. Professionally, Sam became one of Arkansas' most successful high school coaches at Little Rock Parkview, and his teams won state championships in both 1974 and 1976 (two other teams of his were runner-up state champs). He had tremendous success at the college level, guiding Northwestern State University to 4 Southland Conference Championships. He was named Southland Conference Coach of the Year 4 times and was inducted into the Henderson State Hall of Fame, the NSU Hall of Fame, the Southland Conference Hall of Fame, and the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He is a native of Pineville, Louisiana.

**Jermain "Bad Intentions" Taylor** – Jermain took the professional boxing world by storm in 2005, taking the world middleweight title away from world champ Bernard Hopkins with a hard fought decision. Taylor later defended his title against the future hall of famer in a Las Vegas rematch, with Jermain winning with a unanimous decision, and with another world-wide pay-per-view audience looking on. Next up was lefty Winky Wright. Taylor won this much publicized fight at the FedEx Forum in Memphis, racking up win number 25 as he remained unbeaten as world champ. Jermain won a bronze medal in the 2000 summer Olympics; and in 2003, he was recognized by Ring Magazine as the "most improved fighter" in the sport. His overall record currently stands at 25-0-1 (17 KO's). A native of Little Rock, Jermain began fighting at the age of 13 in the gym of fellow Arkansan Ozell Nelson.

**Jim Elder** – Elder was the longtime radio voice of the Arkansas Travelers baseball team, as well as the sports

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director at KARN radio in Little Rock. He also briefly did sports at KARK-TV. He was named "Sportscaster of the Year" in Arkansas eleven times. Jim also worked at the microphone for the Arkansas Travelers for more than 30 years (1963-1990). He was at KARN from 1965 until he retired in 1998. A statistical fanatic, Jim worked as the statistician for the Razorbacks Radio Network and was one of the best in the business. In his early years, he also worked as a baseball umpire, primarily working the Cotton Stakes League in 1947-1948, the Southwestern League in 1949-1950, and the Florida International League in the early 1950's. He served as General Manager of the Hot Springs Bathers professional baseball team and is a native of Pennsylvania.

**Tina Webb** – Tina is the only athlete in Arkansas sports history to be named first team All-American four times, (NAIA All American, Kodak All-American, and American Women's Sports Federation All-American). A three-time finalist for NAIA National Player of the Year, her record-setting career included being MVP of the National Women's Tournament, where she set the NAIA career rebounding record (13.9 per game). She was a 3-time District 17 MVP, and earned All-AIC & District 17 honors 4 times. She holds more than 10 UAM & District 17 career records. Tina is a native of Bryant, a member of the UAM Athletic Hall of Fame, and also played professionally in Japan and Europe.

**Ted Lloyd** – Lloyd was a longtime track coach at Harding University in Searcy (1948-1994), where his teams won 39 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Championships and 32 NAIA District Championships. He was named AIC/District 17 Coach of the year 40 times. For 15 years Ted served on the USA Track and Field Board of Director and also served as President of the NAIA Coaches Association. He coached in 9 international competitions, including the World University Games and the Good Will Games, producing 6 National Champions and 75 All-Americans. Ted coached Arkansas' first sub-four minute miler (Jim Crawford) and the states' first 60-foot collegiate shot putter (Jim Duncan). He is a native of Springhill, KS.

**Ray Rodgers** – In the sport of boxing Ray is considered one of the best "cut men" in the business, having worked numerous championship bouts. He received national acclaim in the first Jermain Taylor - Bernard Hopkins fight following a head butt that would have stopped most fighters. As a coach, he has worked with hundreds of young fighters at his Ray Rodgers Gym in Little Rock; and in 1998, the Arkansas Times named him an "Arkansas Hero" for his work with underprivileged kids. The ultimate fight promoter in Arkansas, he brought the national Golden Gloves championships to Central Arkansas and served as President of the national organization in 1982. Ray was inducted into the National Silver Gloves Hall of Fame 2001 & the Golden Gloves Hall of Fame in 2002. He is a native of Shawnee, OK.

**George Walker** – Walker was part of a Razorback team known as the "25 Little Pigs" that upset # 4-ranked Ole Miss and Texas en route to an appearance in the Cotton Bowl. He played quarterback, defensive back, and returned kicks. In 1954, he led the Southwest Conference in interceptions; and during his 3 varsity years, the Razorbacks posted a 29-4 record. A tri-captain for the Hogs, he was awarded the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Award. George played in the Senior Bowl and the North-South Shrine game. He is one of only 2 players his senior season to be named Scholastic All Americans. He was selected to the U of A Hall of Honor in 1999 and played professionally for the Cleveland Browns and Calgary Stampeders.

## Class of 2008

**Michael Cage** – A native of West Memphis, Cage guided his high school team to back-to-back 30 and 0 seasons. He was the 14<sup>th</sup> pick taken in the 1984 NBA draft (San Diego Clippers) and twice led the NBA in rebounding (1986-87 and 87-88). Cage played in 736 consecutive games, which was the 4<sup>th</sup> longest streak in league history. He played college ball at San Diego State, leading the Aztecs to a 68-44 record, while averaging 24.5 points and 11.9 rebounds his senior season. He was also the only player in the nation to rank in the top 10 in both scoring and rebounding his senior year. A 6'9

forward, Michael retired from pro ball in 2001.

**Todd Day** – A former McDonald's All-American at Memphis Hamilton, Todd went on to star for Nolan Richardson's Razorbacks (1989-92), becoming the Razorbacks all-time leading scorer with 2,395 points. He was named an All-American both his junior and senior seasons and was also All-Southwest Conference and All-Southeastern Conference. His freshman year he was named SWC Newcomer of the Year, and as a sophomore, guided the Hogs to a Final Four appearance. In 1992 he was the 8<sup>th</sup> player taken in the NBA draft (Milwaukee Bucks) and ended up also playing for Boston, Miami, Minnesota, and Phoenix. Todd wrapped up his career guiding the Arkansas Rim Rockers to the ABA Championship.

**Torii Hunter** – A 4-sport star at Pine Bluff High School, Hunter was named the 1993 Gatorade High School Player of the Year, hitting .380 and stealing 17 of 19 bases. He would later play in both the U.S. Olympic Festival and Goodwill Games. The Minnesota Twins made him a 1<sup>st</sup> round pick in 1993, and Tori made his first appearance in the big leagues in August of 1997 and quickly became a regular in the Minnesota outfield. In 2007, he was named to the American League All-Star team, was a 6-time Gold Glove winner, and was honored as the "Best Defensive Outfielder" in baseball. He helped the Twins win 4 division titles in 5 years. In 2007 he was honored with the Marvin Miller Award as baseball's "Man of the Year" and signed as a free agent with the Los Angeles Angels in 2008.

**Bruce James** – Recruited by 20 schools coming out of Moss Point, Mississippi, in the mid-1960's, Bruce was All-State and all-star fullback/linebacker. Arkansas head coach Frank Broyles wooed him away from the Auburn Tigers and James soon became one of the best defensive ends in the nation. A three-year starter (1968-70), Bruce was a Look All-American and was also All-Southwest Conference his senior season. For two seasons he led the Hogs in tackles behind the line of scrimmage, and the Hogs went 28 and 5, twice playing in the Sugar Bowl. He was named Most Valuable

Player in the All-American Bowl in Tampa, Florida and was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1971.

**Galen Pitts** – Growing up in Mountain Home, Galen Pitts got baseball fever and it became a way of life for him. In 1969 he was the shortstop for the Arkansas Travelers and played in the Texas League All-Star game. He spent 8 seasons in triple A play. A utility infielder, he made his major league debut in May of 1974 as a member of the American League's Oakland A's. Pitts later became a coach with Louisville (AAA) in 1983, then moved up to manage Class A Springfield three years later. From there he took over the reins of the Arkansas Travelers, guiding them to the Texas League crown in 1989, and earning him the Texas League "Manager of the Year" honors. Galen also won a championship for the Memphis Redbirds in 1998, becoming the third winningest manager in franchise history.

**Tommy Tuberville** – Tommy was a 3-sport star at Camden Harmony Grove, then broke into college coaching as a graduate assistant with Larry Lacewell at Arkansas State University. From there he was off to Miami (1983), serving on a staff that won 3 national championships. His next stop was College Station, where his Aggie defense helped A&M go 10-0-1. His first head coaching job was at Ole Miss (1994), and in 1997, he was named SEC Coach of the Year. A year later he became the head coach at Auburn; and in 2004, he earned "National Coach of the Year" honors in 2004 as his team went a perfect 13-0 and won the national championship.

**Tracy Webb Rice** – Tracy was a standout lady basketball player at Batesville High and was named "Player of the Year" by the Arkansas Democrat and the Associated Press. Playing on 2 state championship teams, she was named to the Gazette's Super Team, averaging 22.5 points, 8.6 rebounds, and 6 assist her senior season. She scored a career 1,691 points and was named state tournament MVP. Tracy was also a member of the state championship tennis doubles tennis team her sophomore & senior years. As a Lady Razorback true point guard, she gained All-SWC status,

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guiding Arkansas to 4 consecutive 20 win seasons and the NCAA tournament for the first time. She also guided the Ladybacks to an WNIT title, grabbing MVP honors. Upon leaving the U of A she held most of the steal and assist records.

**Charles Cella** – Charles Cella is best known as the President of Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs. His love of racing came from his family who opened the Hot Springs track in 1904. Charles took over the track following his father's death in the late 1960's, buying out the remaining stockholders. Cella became the youngest president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, serving in 1975 and 76. In the 1980's, Oaklawn entered an era of unmatched growth. With Cella leading the way, Oaklawn combined multi-million dollar improvements with numerous innovations and became one of the largest racing centers in America. Cella made national headlines in 2004 when he announced a \$5 million dollar bonus to celebrate Oaklawn's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As an owner he won the prestigious Eclipse Award in 1995; and his colt, Northern Spur, was a champion turf horse after winning the Breeder's Cup.

**Jerry McKinnis** – Jerry McKinnis is well known as the outdoors pioneer for ESPN, producing programming for the network since 1979. A native of St. Louis, his first love was baseball, and he played professionally in the Kansas City Athletics organization. He loved fishing more and began his career in the business as a guide on the famous White River. It was in Little Rock that he began a television show (The Fishin' Hole) that went from local, to regional, to a national audience, as ESPN came on board. Jerry's company, JM Associates, has been instrumental in the success of ESPN's programs producing: "The BassMasters Classics," "Wal-Mart FLW Tour," "Iditarod Sled Dog Race," "Spanish Fly," "Madfin Shark Series," "STIHL Timbersports," and many more events for ESPN. No doubt, Jerry McKinnis is one of the most influential figures in the outdoor sporting industry.

**John Prock** – A native of Hollis, Oklahoma, John made his mark on Arkansas sports spending 24 years

as the head football coach at Harding University in Searcy. During his reign with the Bison, he racked up a school record 114 victories, and his 1976 and 1992 teams won the AIC championship. John's 1972 team ended the season ranked 6<sup>th</sup> nationally in the NAIA and played in the Cowboy Bowl. His 76 team played in the San Jacinto Shrine Bowl. Overall he produced 63 All-AIC players and 14 All-Americans. Four-times he was named District 17 "Coach of the Year". John has been inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame, the Harding University Hall of Fame, the Hollis-Harmon County Hall of Fame, and the Southwestern Oklahoma State Hall of Fame.

**Cal Partee Sr.** – Partee has the distinction of being the only thoroughbred owner in Arkansas racing history to have a horse win the prestigious Kentucky Derby. His 3-year old Lil E. Tee shocked the racing world winning The Derby in May of 1992, with legendary Pat Day aboard the 17 to 1 longshot at Churchill. Mr. Partee was involved in horse racing for some 45 years. Among his other wins were the Arkansas Derby, the Louisiana Derby, the American Derby, the Haskell Invitational, and the West Virginia Derby. Some of his notable horses along with Lil E. Tee, were J.R.'s Pet, Big Pistol, J.T.'s Pet, Phantom On Tour, and Clever Alefont. There's hardly a jockey around who hasn't ridden for Cal Partee Sr., a native of Stephens, Arkansas.

**Jon Richardson** – A very talented running back at Little Rock's Horace Mann High School, Jon broke the color barrier at the University of Arkansas becoming the first black scholarship football player. Upon completion of his career, the highly touted Richardson ranked 8<sup>th</sup> on the school's all-time rushing chart with 1,237 yards while scoring 19 touchdowns. He turned in a career high 154 yard rushing performance against Oklahoma State in 1971, and twice he led the Razorbacks in kickoff returns – his sophomore and senior seasons – averaging 22.3 yards per return. He earned all-state honors in both baseball and football at Mann High and is a native of Little Rock.

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**Martine Bercher** – A native of Ft. Smith, Bercher was an All-Southwest Conference and All-American defensive back and punt returner for the Razorbacks in the mid-1960's, having played for the 1964 U of A national championship team. In 1966 he was named to both the United Press International (UPI) and Coaches All-American teams. In 1966 he led the SWC in punt returns (24 for 375 yards and three touchdowns), plus he had three interceptions. Bercher played in the NFL with Atlanta and Minnesota. At St. Anne's Academy, he starred in football, basketball, and baseball. He is a member of the U of A All-Century team and is a Razorback Hall of Honor inductee.

**Walt Coleman III** – At the time of his induction in 2009, there were but 6 other officials who had been inducted into the ASHOF, one of which was his father Buddy. A graduate of Little Rock Central, Walt worked his way up the ranks, starting out calling junior high sports. He later reached college football, where he and his father were the first father-son combo to call a Division 1 game (Arkansas vs. Navy) in 1984 at War Memorial Stadium. Five years later, he made the big jump to the National Football League, where he spent his first 6 seasons as a line judge before being promoted to referee in 1995. His resume includes many NFL divisional playoff and wildcard games. He may be best known for the infamous "tuck rule" in a 2002 playoff game with the Raiders and Patriots.

**Lurlyne Greer** – Greer was widely considered the preeminent female basketball player in the United States in the late 1940's and early 50's. Born in Des Arc in 1928, she drew a great deal of national attention playing for corporately-sponsored teams. Having played for Hazel Walker's Little Rock Dr. Pepper team, she headed to Nashville, Tennessee, starring for Cook's Goldblumes in 1947. There she earned the first of her 8 All-American AAU honors. Cook's Goldblumes won the national championship in 1948 and 49. In 1952, she moved to North Carolina to play for Hanes Hosiery, and they too won the national title. A year later they would set a national record, winning 60 games in a row. Nicknamed "The Rock," she was

MVP in the AAU nationals in 1952, '53, and '54. Her final success came in 1955 when she captained the gold medal United States Pan American team. Greer is a member of the AAU Basketball Hall of Fame and the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Bobby Richardson** – A native of Fordyce, where he was a high school standout, Bobby made his mark as a track star at Arkansas State Teachers College (UCA) in the mid 1960's. He won the AIC mile-run three times (breaking the league record by 6.8 seconds - 4:20.6) and also won the 880 and cross country championships. Professionally, he became one of the most outstanding track and field coaches in Arkansas High School history (1967-94), guiding the Crossett Eagles to 18 state championships and 4 cross country titles. Bobby retired from his track coaching duties in 1994, but continued as an assistant football and track coach until 1998. He was voted Arkansas track "Coach of the Year" 12 times and was also nominated for National Coach of the Year. He is an inductee of the Arkansas Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the UCA Hall of Fame.

**Jerry Rook** – Rated as one of the best basketball players to ever wear an Arkansas State uniform, Jerry became the Indians all-time leading scorer. A standout at nearby Nettleton High School, he set ASU records for most field goals (816), most free throws (521 out of 657), and the school's top scoring average (22.9 points per game). Rook was a first team All-American and the most valuable player in the Southland Conference as he led the Tribe to consecutive appearances in the smaller college version of the NCAA tournament in 1962 and 63. He had opportunities to play pro ball in three sports (football, baseball, and basketball) with hoops winning out. He played in the old ABA for New Orleans. As a high school coach he guided Pine Bluff to a pair of state championships and an overall title, and he is a member of the ASU Ring of Honor.

**Kenny Saylor** – A native of Pyatt, he became the most prolific scorer in Arkansas Tech history. Playing for the Wonder Boys (1959-63) and

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legendary coach Sam Hindsman, Kenny was a scoring machine, becoming Tech's all-time scoring leader with 2,470 points. He was named All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference 4 times. During Saylor's 4-year career at Tech, the Wonder Boys had a 79 - 25 overall record (a 55-17 AIC record), and they won 3 AIC titles. In addition, he helped Tech to the NAIA national tournament in 1963. Kenny scored 40 points or more in a game 6-times and 35 points or more 15-times, with a career-high of 47 (in high school, he once scored 76 points in one game!). Saylor was drafted by the NBA's St. Louis Hawks (18<sup>th</sup> overall selection), worked as a basketball official (33 years), and is a member of Arkansas Tech Hall of Distinction and the Arkansas Officials Hall of Fame.

**Charlie Spoonhour** – Born in Mulberry, Kansas, Spoonhour was raised in Rogers and had great coaching success at what was then Southwest Missouri State (Missouri State) in Springfield. After going 205 – 63 (.765 record) in the junior ranks, Spoonhour became an assistant at Nebraska then moved to the SWMS Bears, turning them into a powerhouse, taking them to the NCAA Tournament 5 times and twice to the NIT. His record at SWMS was 197-81, and his teams won 4 championships in the Mid-Continent Conference and one Missouri Valley title. He was named MCC coach of the year 3-times. "Spoonball" then hit St. Louis, where he recorded an overall record of 122-90, taking the Billikens to 3 NCAA's and one NIT. While at St. Louis Charlie was named national "Coach of the Year" by the United States Basketball Writers Association. He gave coaching one more shot at UNLV, guiding them to consecutive 20-victory seasons and a post season appearance. His overall coaching record was 738 and 302 in 33 seasons, and he is an inductee of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and the University of Ozarks Hall of Fame.

**R.C. Thielemann** – R.C. was one of the top offensive linemen in University of Arkansas history. A native of Houston, Texas, he played for the Razorbacks from 1973-76, making All-Southwest Conference at two different positions (guard and center). Those exploits would later

earn him a spot on the U of A's All-Century and All-Decade teams. He was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in 1977 (36<sup>th</sup> pick) and spent eight of his twelve NFL seasons with Atlanta in relative obscurity - an outstanding lineman on a mediocre team. In 1984, he was traded to the Redskins reuniting him with Joe Gibbs (who had initially recruited him), and R.C. helped the Skins win Super Bowl XXII. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 1981, '82, and '83 and played almost the entire '84 season, never missing a game, in a cast with a compound fracture of his finger. He is an inductee of the Razorback Hall of Honor.

**Corliss Williamson ("Big Nasty")** – One of the best players in Razorback basketball history, Corliss was named the MVP in the Final Four in 1994, guiding the Hogs to the NCAA Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina (he also got the Hogs to the NCAA title game in 1995, but they lost to UCLA). He was a 2-time All-American, a 3-time All-SEC selection, and twice he was Southeastern Conference "Player of the Year". He finished his U of A career 8<sup>th</sup> on the all-time scoring list with 1,728 points. Corliss left for the NBA after his junior year and was drafted 13<sup>th</sup> overall by the Sacramento Kings in 1995. His career also included stops with Toronto, Detroit, and Philadelphia. He was named "6<sup>th</sup> Man of the Year" in 2002 at Detroit, helping them win the NBA championship. In his pro career, Corliss averaged 11.1 points, 3.9 rebounds, 1.2 assists, and 22.8 minutes a game, and played in 822 NBA games. This Russellville native, who was the national Gatorade Player of the Year in high school retired in 2007.

**Jarrell Williams** – Williams grew up in Alma, but played his high school ball in Ft. Smith where he was a three-sport standout. At the University of Arkansas, he played both football and baseball (1959, 60, & 61). Some of his Razorback teammates included Barry Switzer, Lance Alworth, Jim Mooty and Jerry Jones. Jarrell was a running back and defensive back for Frank Broyles and would later turn down offers to play pro football, going into coaching. He spent 36 years as head coach and Athletic Director at Springdale High School and won state championships in 1968, 69, 82,

& 89, with an overall record of 261 – 132 – 5, ranking him 3<sup>rd</sup> in all-time victories. Jarrell was conference "Coach of the Year" 14 times and Arkansas "Coach of the Year" in both 1967 and 68. He coached 3 times in the state All-Star game, is an inductee of the Razorback Hall of Honor, and Springdale's stadium is named after him.

## Class of 2010

**1964 U of A Razorback Football National Championship Team** – Not much was expected of the 1964 Razorbacks after the team had struggled to a 5-5 record the previous year, but the Hogs went undefeated, ending the season with a big win over Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl. A key game came against the University of Texas. The Razorbacks utilized a Ken Hatfield TD punt return and a Fred Marshall TD pass to Bobby Crocket to beat the Longhorns. Against Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl, Bobby Burnett scored the winning touchdown with 4:41 remaining. Texas had defeated previously undefeated Alabama in the Orange Bowl that same night, which gave Arkansas the national championship trophies as voted upon by the Football Writers Association of American, the Helms Athletic Foundation, and other organizations.

**Alene Crabtree** – Crabtree coached girls' basketball at Alma for five decades and was one of the greatest coaches of her time. Her teams won state championships in both 1976 and 1979, and Crabtree had an amazing overall career record of 688 wins to 291 losses – a .703 winning record in just under 1,000 games. She was also one of the state's top track coaches and was inducted into the Arkansas High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Bill Ferrell** – Ferrell served as the long-time head trainer and head baseball coach at the University of Arkansas. He was a veteran of four football coaching stints as the head trainer and was instrumental in the success of the Razorback football team who produced a 22-game win streak and a national championship title in 1994. Ferrell is an inductee into the National Trainers Hall of Fame.

**Leslie O'Neal** – O'Neal was a six-time All-Pro selection during his 12 years in the NFL. He was picked in the first round by the San Diego Chargers in 1986 and had 136 sacks during his NFL career. He played for San Diego, St. Louis, and Kansas City. In college, he was the fifth all-time leading tackler at Oklahoma State University and was the Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year in 1984. He was a two-time All American selection in college.

**Rhonda Thigpen** – Thigpen is one of the most successful volleyball coaches in the state's history, having won consistently at the high school and college levels. In the decade of the '90s, her Henderson State University teams went 285 – 140. Previous to that, Thigpen compiled a record of 271 – 30 at Arkadelphia High School. Her teams there set a state record with 68 consecutive victories. She was also a three-year starter in basketball at Ouachita Baptist University.

**Leotis Harris** – Harris was an All-American in 1977 as a guard for the University of Arkansas football team. He was also named to the Razorbacks' All-Century Team and starred as an All-Southwest Conference player twice. Harris played pro ball for the Green Bay Packers in the NFL. He initially had an outstanding career in high school at Little Rock Hall as a defensive lineman, but he was moved to the offensive side of the ball in college; and the rest, as they say, is history!

**Nelson Catalina** – Catalina's basketball teams at Turrell went 100-14 in his three years as a player there. As a college player, he helped lead Ouachita Baptist University to three Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships. He also played on baseball teams at Ouachita that won three AIC titles. As head basketball coach at Arkansas State University, his teams won 188 games in 11 seasons, including four 20-win seasons.

**Charlie Flowers** – Flowers played football for the legendary Johnny Vaught at the University of Mississippi and averaged 7.4 yards per carry, the highest in school history. He was inducted into the

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College Football Hall of Fame in 1997, playing on Rebel teams that had a combined record of 45-8-1. This Marianna native played professional football for New York and San Diego in the AFL and was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.

**Jimmy Culp** – Culp starred in football, basketball, and track at what is now Southern Arkansas University. This Redfield native once scored 40 of his basketball team's 45 points in a single game. As a high school basketball coach, Culp led his team at North Little Rock to a 32-3 record in 1964-65, and he also coached at Bald Knob and Searcy.

**Scotty Thurman** – Thurman hit the most memorable shot in University of Arkansas basketball history when his three-point shot propelled Arkansas to a victory over Duke in the 1994 national championship game. Thurman led the Razorbacks in three-point shots for three consecutive seasons. He also played for the U.S. team in the Goodwill Games, winning a bronze medal. His career continued with professional ball played overseas – Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon, and Macedonia – and Thurman made the all-star teams in both Greece and Cyprus. He also played briefly for the ABA Arkansas Rimrockers.

## Class of 2011

**Cliff Lee** – This former Benton High School pitcher is one of Arkansas' best baseball players. Lee was drafted out of high school in the 8th round of the 1997 major league draft but instead chose to attend a community college in Mississippi and later the University of Arkansas. He was later chosen in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the 2000 amateur draft by the Montreal Expos. His big league debut came in 2002 at Cleveland, and he won at least 14 games in each of his first three full seasons with them. Following the 2008 season, he was a near unanimous choice for the American League Cy Young Award after going 22-3. Lee was the pitcher in two World Series wins for the Phillies in 2009, played for the Mariners and the Rangers, then returned home to the Phillies for the 2011 season.

**Calvin Borel** – This world-class thoroughbred jockey first captured the riding title at Oaklawn in 1995 and has been a frequent rider at the Hot Springs track for almost two decades. Borel is one of the many talented jockeys, hailing from Cajun country in south Louisiana and known for his ebullient personality after big wins and his work ethic. His ability to go to the rail has earned him the nickname of "Calvin Bo-Rail." He won the Kentucky Derby in 2007 aboard Street Sense and finished a close second behind Curlin in the Preakness Stakes. Borel won the Kentucky Derby again in 2009, this time aboard a 50-1 long shot, Mine That Bird. He had won the Kentucky Oaks the previous day aboard Rachel Alexandra. Two weeks later, Borel won the Preakness aboard Rachel Alexandra, the first jockey ever to capture the first two legs of the Triple Crown while riding different horses.

**Quinn Grovey** – As one of the most productive quarterbacks in University of Arkansas history, Grovey led the Razorbacks to back-to-back Southwest Conference titles in 1988 and 1989. This Duncan, Okla., native lettered four years for the Hogs while passing for 4,496 yards and rushing for 1,746 yards. He earned All-SWC honors in 1988 when he led the conference in passing accuracy at .633, passing for 966 yards and rushing for 515 yards that season. In 1989, Grovey accounted for five touchdowns in a 45-39 victory over a University of Houston team led by Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware. Grovey was named to the school's All-Century team and was inducted into the University of Arkansas' Sports Hall of Honor in 2001.

**Dick Bumpas** – This Fort Smith native lettered three years for the Razorbacks. He was the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 1970, earning consensus All-America honors at tackle. Bumpas went on to play tight end and linebacker for the Memphis Southmen of the World Football League and the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League. He began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at Arkansas in 1977. Having the best defense in the country as a defensive coordinator at Texas Christian University in 2008

and 2009 has earned him national attention respect as one of the best in the game. Bumpas was inducted into the University of Arkansas' Sports Hall of Honor in 2006.

**Bill "Sleepy" Curtis** – This Marianna native known as "Sleepy" was among the top college running backs in Arkansas during the 1960s. He was an All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference selection while playing at Arkansas Tech and was named to the *Arkansas Democrat's* All-Decade team for the 1960s. He twice led the AIC in rushing and gained more than 1,000 yards his senior season. In high school, Curtis was a multi-talented athlete, lettering in 5 sports.

**Ben Cowins** – Considered one of the best Razorback running backs of all time, Cowins was one of just 10 Arkansas players to earn All-Southwest Conference honors three times (1976-78). Cowins left Arkansas with the school's career rushing record of 3,570 yards and had 16 100-yard rushing games. The St. Louis native also led the Southwest Conference with a 6.3-yard rushing average in 1976, led the team in rushing as a sophomore, junior, and senior, had 30 career rushing touchdowns, and scored 180 points. He was named to the UA's All-Decade team for the 1970s, played in the 1979 Hula Bowl, and later played for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles, Kansas City Chiefs, and the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League.

**Eternal Grand Master Haeng Ung Lee** – The founder, president, and first Grand Master of the American Taekwondo Association was a pioneer in the field of martial arts. Lee was born in China after his family had left Korea. The family returned to Korea following World War II, and Lee taught taekwondo to members of the South Korean military and opened a school near a U.S. Air Force base. An American serviceman became a friend, and in 1962, sponsored Lee's move to the United States. Lee co-founded the American Taekwondo Association in Omaha, Neb., in 1969 and moved the organization's headquarters to Little Rock in 1977. The ATA championships remain the largest annual convention in Little Rock. Lee died of cancer in October 2000.

**Cliff Horton** – After lettering for three seasons in basketball at the University of Arkansas and helping lead the Razorbacks to the Southwest Conference championship in 1949, Horton began a long coaching career. He had successful stops as a basketball coach at the high school level at St. Joe, Waldo, Crossett, and Pine Bluff (his teams at Pine Bluff were 221-68). Horton later was hired as the head basketball coach at what is now the University of Central Arkansas. There, his teams won 20 or more games six times in his 14 seasons, including two trips to the NAIA national tournament. His 24-4 team of 1958-59 was among the best in school history. He later served as UCA's Athletic Director in the 1970s.

**Carolyn Moffatt** – This Crossett native built a national women's basketball powerhouse at Ouachita Baptist University, where she coached from 1965-84. She became the first female coach inducted into the NAIA Basketball Hall of Fame and posted a record of 213-162 at Ouachita while taking her teams to tournaments across the country. She also held numerous national positions with the AAU throughout the years and served as a women's basketball adviser to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

**Forrest Wood** – The man known as the "Father of the Bass Boat" is also a member of the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, the International Boating Hall of Fame, the National Marine Manufacturers Hall of Fame, the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame, and the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame. Wood founded Ranger Boats in 1968 and built it into the largest manufacturer of bass boats in the country – they went from making just 6 boats their first year (1969) to over 1,200 boats a year in 1970. This Flippin native got his start at a young age as a skilled fishing guide on the White River, Buffalo River, Crooked Creek, and Bull Shoals Lake. Wood was appointed to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in 1998.

**Jerry Carlton** – This Sheridan native starred in both basketball and baseball at the University of Arkansas

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after being one of the top high school basketball players in the country. As a Razorback, he led the baseball team in batting three times with averages of .341, .375, and .382. In basketball, he became only the second Razorback player to score more than 1,000 points and posted the highest field goal and free throw percentages to that point in Razorback history – these percentages ranked him 5<sup>th</sup> in the country as a junior and 2<sup>nd</sup> as a senior. He earned All-Southwest Conference honors in basketball (1961 and 1962) and was inducted into the University of Arkansas' Sports Hall of Honor in 2004.

### Class of 2012

**Elmer "B" Lindsey** – There have been some great athletes in Arkansas who acquired legendary status. Among them is Forrest City's Elmer B. Lindsey. This 4-sport standout for the Mustangs was one of the top football standouts in the US, earning him All-American status. His high school team in the late 1950's won 22 straight, and Lindsey collected 44 touchdowns. He was Frank Broyles' first signee when Frank took over the Razorbacks' program, but Lindsey never made it to Fayetteville. Instead, the baseball Cardinals got his signature, with him picking up a reported \$85,000 signing bonus. Lindsey's baseball career lasted 6 seasons, and he played in the minors for Memphis and Tulsa.

**Bill Keedy** – Having played for Newport High School, Keedy returned to his alma mater in 1977. He spent the next 20 years as the Greyhounds' head football coach, compiling some amazing statistics: winning 10 games a season ten times; reaching the semi-final championships 8 times; making the playoffs 19 times; winning a state championship 2 times; winning district championships 17 times; coaching in the high school All Star Classic 2 times as head coach and 7 times as an assistant coach; being named "Coach of the Year" 17 times; and compiling an overall career record of 199-55-4. He compiled a record of 175 – 48 – 3 at Newport. His overall record was 199 – 55 – 4. Newport's athletic facility was named after him 1994.

**U.S. Reed** – With one heave of the basketball Reed became an Arkansas legend when his 49-foot buzzer beater lifted the Razorbacks over the Louisville Cardinals in the NCAA regional in Austin, Texas, in 1981. After the game at the Drum, even Abe Lemmons, coach of arch rival Texas, was seen calling the Hogs with Arkansas fans! While he will always be remembered for this shot, Reed also had a terrific overall career at the U of A. As a freshman, he played a reserve role on a team with "The Triplets" (Moncrief, Delph, and Brewer) and made the Final Four. The next three years, Reed was a marquee player, helping the Hogs get to the Elite 8 his sophomore year. Upon completion of his career he was one of only 11 Razorbacks to have scored 1,000 points.

**Raymond Bright** – Raymond was a coaching success in both football and track and field for the Conway School District and for what is now the University of Central Arkansas. A former player at UCA (ASTC), Bright became the Bears head football coach (1965), winning back to back Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships in 1965 and 1966. He was also named the AIC Coach of the Year in '66. As head track coach, his Bears won or shared 5 AIC titles. At Conway High, his track teams won state championships in 1954 and 57. A native of Hope, he is in the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame and the UCA Sports Hall of Fame.

**Harry Jones** – A native of Enid, Oklahoma, Harry excelled as a Razorback on both sides of the ball. Affectionately known as "Light Horse Harry" he is the only Razorback football player who's ever been featured solo on the front cover of Sports Illustrated (1965) and became an Arkansas legend following the release of a song called "The Ballad of Light Horse Harry." At running back, he became an All-Southwest Conference selection; and as a junior, he rushed for 632 yards and 7 touchdowns. His sophomore season he intercepted a pair of passes, running both back for touchdowns. In '66, he was one of two Razorbacks to be drafted in the first round, playing five seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles.

**Lee Mayberry** – A native of Tulsa, Mayberry was a four year starter (1988-91) for Nolan Richardson's Razorbacks. Three times he was all-conference – twice in the Southwest Conference and once in the Southeastern Conference. One of the best point guards in U of A history, he guided the Hogs to three Southwest Conference titles and one SEC West championship. During Lee's tenure, he teamed up with teammate Todd Day ("May-Day") and helped the Hogs reach the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the NCAA tournament, the Elite 8 round, and the Final Four. A first-round draft pick of the Milwaukee Bucks, Lee played 7 years in the NBA. An inductee of the U of A Hall of Honor, Mayberry ranks as the third leading scorer in Razorback history.

### 1994 U of A Razorback Basketball National Championship Team

Monday April 4, 1994, is a night etched in the hearts of Razorback fans everywhere as their beloved Hogs beat Duke 76-72 and were crowned NCAA National Champions. The Hogs showed their toughness as they were ranked #1 in the country for 10 consecutive weeks heading into the NCAA Tournament. Corliss Williamson of Russellville was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, but it was forward Scotty Thurman's rainbow three-pointer with less than a minute remaining that put the Hogs over the top for good. The Hogs finished the regular season 24-2 while riding a 13-game win streak. Williamson and Thurman along with head coach Nolan Richardson are all inductees of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. The only other team inducted into the ASHOF in its history is the 1964 football Razorbacks.

**Pat Jones** – Having worked his way up the ranks from junior high coach at Little Rock's Forest Heights, Pat had an illustrious coaching career. As head coach at Oklahoma State University, his first team went 10 and 2, making him only the third Big 8 coach to win 10 games in their initial coaching campaign. That record earned him the Football Digest's 1984 National Coach of the Year Award. That same year Pat was also named UPI Big 8 Coach of the Year; and in 1992, he was named the Associated Press' "Big 8 Coach of the Year." His OSU teams racked up wins in the '84 and '85 Gator Bowls,

the '85 Sun Bowl, and the '88 Holiday Bowl. Jones coached 9 All-Americans and is the winningest coach in OSU history. Jones also coached on Frank Broyles' staff and alongside Jimmy Johnson and the Miami Dolphins, helping them make the playoffs 6 times. In 2011, this Memphis native was inducted into the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame.

**Terry Wallace** – For 37 years he was "The Voice of Oaklawn Park" in Hot Springs. Terry called 20,191 consecutive races, and owner Charles Cella called his record-setting performance "the most incredible record in sports." Terry hit the 20,000 mark with his call of the third race on March 25, 2010 and ended the streak following the fourth race on January 28, of 2011. Terry initially worked his way up through the world of horse racing doing odds jobs. He was even a jockey's agent at one point in time. He worked not only at Oaklawn but also at several other tracks in the US, such as River Downs and Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha. Terry is an inductee of the Nebraska Racing Hall of Fame.

**Bob Ford** – A native of Wynne, Bob played on his hometown's first state championship team in the fall of 1950. From there he was off to Memphis State College where he was voted the team's most valuable player in 1954. Bob had a passion for coaching and started as a graduate assistant for Bear Bryant at the University of Alabama in 1950-60. From there, he worked at Georgia and Kentucky, serving as the Wildcats defensive coordinator under Charlie Bradshaw. He later worked under Paul Davis at Mississippi State. In the late 1960's Ford enrolled in law school at the University of Arkansas, where Frank Broyles allowed him to coach the freshman team and scout opponents as a means to support his family. He ended up with a career being a scout for Tom Landry's Dallas Cowboys.

**Alonzo "Lonnie" Clayton** – He has the distinction of being one of only two 15-year-olds to ever win America's most coveted race, the Kentucky Derby. Clayton was aboard Azra on May 11, 1892, and came from behind in the stretch to win by a nose. He would be in the money in the Kentucky Derby three more times

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in his career (finishing 2nd in 1893 and 3rd in 1895). Having moved to North Little Rock with his family when he was a child, at the age of 12, Lonnie headed east with his brother to become a jockey. He became a star on the east coast, with his best year being 1895 when he had 144 wins and finished in the money in 60% of his races. Clayton won the Arkansas Derby that year at the Little Rock Jockey Club's Clinton Park. In 1896, Clayton became one of the few black jockeys to ever compete in the Preakness Stakes at Baltimore, where he finished third. Although he had much success riding all over the county, he was predominantly noted for being one of the greatest riders of the New York circuit.

**Margaret Downing** – Downing was considered one of the true pioneers in women's athletics in Arkansas. From 1965 to 1984, she served as the women's coach at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia and compiled some incredible statistics: her Riderette's won 8 Arkansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports Association basketball conference titles; two state championships in swimming; one state championship in softball; and one state championship in volleyball. She also coached teams in the Amateur Athletic Union from 1963-65. She had a career record of 223-16-3, was named "Coach of the Year" in 1977-78 and 1984, and she served on many committees & associations, including the U.S. Olympic Basketball Committee. Margaret was inducted into the NAIA National Hall of Fame in 1987.

## Class of 2013

**Marcus Brown** – A former basketball star at West Memphis High School Marcus became Murray State University's third all-time leading scorer with 2,236 points. Brown had a highly successful 13-year professional career in Europe, ending as the Euroleague's all-time leading scorer and winning five most valuable player awards. As a high school basketball player, he led West Memphis to the 1991 Class AAAA state championship and the overall championship. In his senior year at Murray State, Brown finished as the nation's second-leading scorer. He was drafted in the second round of the 1996 NBA draft by Portland. After

playing briefly at Portland, Vancouver, and Detroit, he became the highest-paid American player ever in the Euroleague.

**Jeremy Jacobs** - The owner of Southland Park at West Memphis, Jacobs is among the nation's top business leaders. He owns the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League and frequently makes the lists of the country's most influential sports personalities. His family was the original concession operators at Southland Park, and this Park has been a part of the Arkansas sports scene since 1956, when it became the state's only greyhound track. In addition to owning the Bruins, Jacobs has also been the chairman of the NHL's Board of Governors since 2007. He led the effort to build a new arena in Boston and was a pioneer in the regional TV sports industry, transforming NESN into a model for all regional sports networks. In 1968, Jacobs became the chairman and CEO of Delaware North in 1968, which operates more than 50 professional sports venues around the world.

**Stacy Lewis** – Lewis, a former University of Arkansas golf star was named the 2013 Player of the Year for the LPGA by the Golf Writers Association of America. She won four tournaments in 2012, becoming the first American since Beth Daniel in 1994 to finish first on the Rolex Player of the Year points list. She also had three runner-up finishes, including a share of second at the LPGA Championship. Lewis finished third on the LPGA money list in 2012, earning \$1.87 million. Lewis, who grew up in The Woodland, Texas, had a steel rod and five screws placed in her back 10 years ago to correct scoliosis. She became the 2007 NCAA champion and won 13 tournaments at the collegiate level while putting the Arkansas women's golf program on the map. Lewis earned All-American honors in each of her four years at Arkansas and won Southeastern Conference championships in 2005 and 2008.

**Frank O'Mara** – A former University of Arkansas track and cross country great, Irish native O'Mara competed for the Irish national team in three Olympic Games – 1984 at Los Angeles, 1988 at Seoul, and 1992 at

Barcelona. He also ran for legendary coach John McDonnell at Arkansas and became an outstanding All-American and Southwest Conference champion his sophomore and junior years. He helped McDonnell win their first outdoor NCAA championship in 1983 – with O'Mara winning the 1,500-meter run. O'Mara also collected the world indoor championship twice in the 3,000-meter run. After graduation, he spent three years as a coach for the Razorbacks and was a member of their staff in 1985 when the school won its first NCAA Triple Crown. O'Mara ran professionally for 15 years before retiring from competition. He is now a CEO with Allied Wireless Communications.

**Don Nixon** – Nixon had a stellar basketball coaching career at Pulaski Robinson High School, Mabelvale High School, Little Rock Central High School, and the University of Central Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas State Teachers College (now UCA) in 1951 after serving in the U.S. Navy. He coached four basketball teams – junior boys & girls, senior boys & girls – at what is now Pulaski Robinson from 1952-54 before moving to his high school alma mater at Mabelvale from 1954-59. After coaching at the junior high level from 1959-67, Nixon coached the boys' team at Little Rock Central High School (1968-72) and the men's team at UCA (1972-79). His Central Tigers won the Class AAAA state championship in 1970 and 1972, along with winning the state's first overall championship in 1972.

**Wyn Norwood** – Russellville native Wyn Norwood was a two-time Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference golf champion while playing at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. Norwood won three state amateur titles while playing in 14 national amateur championships. He coached at UALR from 1992 until his retirement at the end of the 2012 school year, helping to revive UALR's men's golf program (which had been dropped in the 1980's) and start a women's golf program, coaching both programs for 13 years. He was named the Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year for his success in both the men's and women's golf programs in 1994, the first of five such awards he would earn.

**John Outlaw** - Outlaw, who died suddenly of a heart attack in December 2011 following a highly successful high school coaching career in Arkansas and Texas was an Ozark native and a UCA graduate. He went 84-20-1 in nine seasons at Arkadelphia, winning state titles in 1979 and 1987, and his undefeated 1987 team was the first Arkansas school ever to be ranked in the *USA Today* Super 25. After moving to Texas, Outlaw's teams went 57-21-1 at Sherman and 162-46-1 at Lufkin, giving him a 303-87-3 career record. He achieved his 300<sup>th</sup> victory on Oct. 6, 2011, against The Woodlands in a game telecast regionally by Fox Sports Southwest.

**Sonja Tate** – Tate is one of the best basketball players to ever wear an Arkansas State University uniform. She played at ASU from 1989-93, and remains the career scoring leader at ASU with 2,312 points. Tate returned to ASU prior to the current season to serve as an assistant coach on the women's basketball staff. In addition to being the school's career scoring leader, Tate holds the single-season scoring record with 820 points during the 1992-93 season. She also has the top five single-game scoring performances at ASU women's basketball – scoring 40 or more points in a game each one of those games.

## Class of 2014

**Jim "Bad News" Barnes** – Jim grew up playing basketball in Tuckerman. He was highly recruited by UTEP and led UTEP to the NCAA Tournament in 1963 & 1964. Jim played a key role in the USA basketball team what won Olympic Gold in 1964. Barnes shot 53% and averaged 8.5 ppg. The NY Knicks made Barnes the #1 pick in the NBA draft, and Jim went on to play 7 seasons in the NBA. After his career ended, he became involved with Kids In Trouble, Inc., did school counseling, participated in youth conferences, and served as a volunteer basketball coach.

**David Bazzel** – An all-state Florida athlete, David was a 3-year starter, 4-year letterman, team captain, and MVP of the 1984 Liberty Bowl for the Razorbacks. His 1985 Hogs' defensive unit did not allow a rushing

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touchdown the entire conference season. He was a sports anchor for KARK-TV, a fitness columnist for the AR Democrat Gazette, creator & host of the Fifth Quarter radio show, and co-hosted Drive Time Sports and the Wally Hall Show. He served as Chairman of the AR Governor's Council on Fitness, was a founding member of PARK, and was chosen Greater LR Chamber of Commerce's Young Executive of the Year. David created the Broyles Award, the Battle for the Boot award, the Cliff Harris Award, the Dan Hampton Award, & the Willie Road Award. He founded the LR Touchdown Club & restarted the Razorback Mascot program. David received the Distinguished Serve Award from the AR High School Athletic Association and is the current co-host of The Show with No Name on KABZ radio.

**Gary Blair** – Gary's coaching career began with 3 TX state championships at Dallas South Oak Cliff High School. His Lady Techsters won the 1981 AIA Women's National Championship & the inaugural NCAA Women's Tournament. After a stint at Stephen F. Austin, he went to AR where his Lady Razorbacks made the Final Four in 1998. Blair was 198-120 at AR, the winningest coach in Razorback women's basketball history. Blair moved to Texas A & M, where his 2011 team won the NCAA championship. He is 11<sup>th</sup> in career victories & is the all-time winningest coach in Texas A & M history.

**Don Campbell** – Don started coaching at Luxora Junior High then Corning Junior High. He moved up to coaching Corning High School and was 80-28-2 there. He moved on to Sheridan, where he finished 5 seasons with a 30-24-1 record. He became a coach at Wynne (147-46-3), winning 8 district championships, appearing in 16 playoffs, and winning the 2001 and 2004 state championships. Don is a member of the Henderson State Sports Hall of Fame and the AR High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**Ken Duke** – Diagnosed with scoliosis in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Ken had back surgery, and a few months later, was back on his Arkadelphia High School Golf team, winning medalist honors at the district tournament. He also won the AR State Golf Association High

School Overalls. Ken was a 4-time AIC Player of the Year, an All-Conference player, and an NAIA All-American in 1992. His 68.4 stroke average is still the conference record. Ken spent several years on minor golf tours before making it big on the PGA Tour, winning the PGA Travelers Championship. Duke serves as the spokesperson for the Scoliosis Research Society, established the Ken Duke Endowed Chair in Scoliosis, and the "Bucks for Birdies" program. He is a member of the Henderson State Sports Hall of Fame and the AR Golf Hall of Fame.

**Alvy Early** – Starting at West Fork, Alvy moved to UAM to coach women's basketball where he guided them to 425 wins in 18 winning seasons & the NAIA championship game in 1990. In 1997, Alvy became the UAM athletic director and softball coach, amassing a 627-316-2 record, becoming the Gulf South's Coach of the Year in 2012. He was named the Gulf South West Division Coach of the Decade for 2000-2010. He was named AIC Coach of the Year 4 times and NAIA District Coach of the Year twice. He was inducted into the UAM Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

**Bennie Fuller** – Fuller, who was deaf, averaged 50.9 points per game during his senior year at the AR School for the Deaf in Little Rock. He averaged 44.9 points per game as a junior and is also the all-time leading scorer in AR high school boys basketball history by a wide margin. From 1968-1971, Fuller scored 4,896 points at ASD. During one game alone, against Leola, Bennie finished with 102 points. He received 104 scholarship offers and eventually went to Pensacola Junior College then finished up at UAPB. He became UAPB's first deaf graduate, taught at UAPB, then moved to OK and worked for the USPS.

**Stephanie Strack Mathis** – Mathis' career began at Conway St. Joseph, where she scored 1,748 points, had 850 rebounds, was all-state twice, and all-region and all-conference 3 times. She went to AR Tech and led them to a 124-15 record, including an 56-6 AIC conference record. The Golden Suns won the NAIA National Championship in 1992 & 1993, and Mathis was a 3-time All-AIC and a 3-time All-American selection. She

made the Kodak All-American Team in 1994. She was the MVP of the 1993 NAIA National Tournament and she scored a school record 2,298 points. She also holds records for field goals made & attempted and played in a record 139 games, winning a record 124 games.

**Ken Stephens** – Ken was a standout athlete at Conway, playing offense & defense on football and earning NAIA track All-American status twice. His only 2 losses in track were R/U finishes in the NAIA national high hurdles. Ken had a 39-year head coaching record of 235-171-16, which includes 110 victories in high school, 110 in 4-year college, and 15 in junior college. He won 3 state championships at NLR and was the AR High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1966. He is UCA's winningest coach, 67-35-6, and was inducted into the UCA Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 & the AR Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2007.

**Harry Vines** – Harry was the head coach of the AR Rollin' Razorbacks, leading them to a 238-40 record, winning 5 National Wheelchair Basketball Assoc. Championships, and earning Vines a place in the National Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame. Vines himself was an athlete, named All-Big 8, All-State, and All-American in 1957. He was the leading scorer for OK City University in 1957 & 1958 and is a member of OCU's Sports Hall of Fame. Harry also served as a commissioner, VP, & President of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, and President Bush awarded him the President's Service Award for outstanding volunteer contributions as a coach.

**Dennis "Dirt" Winston** – Winston grew up in Marianna, starring in football and basketball. He played for the U of A, finishing his career with 291 career tackles. He was drafted in the 5<sup>th</sup> round by the Steelers and became a key part of the "Steel Curtain" defense. He won the 1978 and 1979 Super Bowls playing for the Steelers. All-in-all, Dennis played in the NFL for 11 years, and his career totals are: 819 tackles, 13 interceptions, 12 fumble recoveries, and 3 TD's. He is in the AR Sports Hall of Honor & the University of Arkansas All-Century Team.