

# ASHOF Inductee Profiles

## Class of 1959

**Bill Dickey** – Dickey was born in 1907 and was raised in Kensett, AR. He signed with the Little Rock Travelers in 1925 and with the Yankees at the end of the 1928 season. In the next 13 seasons, he caught over 100 games for the Yankees. The Yankees played in 8 World Series during this time period, and Bill caught every series game for them, helping them win 7 of those World Championships. He was named to the American League All-Star team 11 times. In 1954, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1972, the Yankees retired his jersey and honored him with a plaque in Yankee Stadium. In 1977 “*Sport*” magazine named Bill to the all-time All-Star team as the greatest catcher in major league history. In 1977 the new home of the Arkansas Travelers in North Little Rock was named Dickey-Stephens in his honor.

**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.

**Jim Lee Howell** – Howell was born in 1914 in Lonoke, AR. As a Razorback, he lettered three years in football and was named first-team All-SWC as an end in 1935. He was a three-year starter in basketball and was named first-team All-SWC in 1936. He was selected as an alternate for the USA’s 1936 Olympic basketball team. He played six seasons for the New York Giants, served three years in Marines during World War II, and returned to play two more years with the Giants. In 1938, the Giants won the NFL championship, and Howell was selected to play in the Pro Bowl. He was second-team All-Pro in 1939 and first-team All-Pro in 1941. In 1956, with Vince Lombardi serving as his offensive coordinator and Tom Landry serving as his defensive coordinator, his Giants defeated the Chicago Bears 47-7 for the NFL championship.

**Wear Schoonover** – Schoonover was born in 1910 in Pochahontas, AR. As a Razorback, he earned ten letters in

four sports. In 1929, he was named first-team All-America. As an end, he led the nation in pass receiving that season and caught 13 passes in the Baylor game. In 1967, Wear was the first Razorback inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He played on three straight SWC championship basketball teams and was named first-team All-SWC all three years. He was named second-team All-America for the 1929-30 basketball season.

**Hazel Walker** – Walker was born in 1914 on her family’s farm near Ashdown, AR. After being named All-State in Arkansas’s first girls high school basketball state tournament, she became the top amateur basketball player in the country. In fourteen years of AAU basketball, she was named first-team All-America seven times and second-team All-America four times. She won the national free throw competition six times and the international competition twice. In 1949, she formed Hazel Walker’s Arkansas Travelers, becoming the first woman to own a professional basketball team. In 1954, Hazel was inducted into the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame; in 1967, she was a charter inductee into the Helms Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame; and in 2011, she was inducted into the newly formed national Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Class of 1960

**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.

**Jim Benton** – Benton was born in 1916 in Carthage, AR and raised in nearby Fordyce. As an end for the Razorbacks, he was named first-team All-SWC in both 1936 and 1937. He led the nation in pass receiving as a senior and received the Houston Post

Award as the outstanding player in the SWC. In addition to being named first-team All-America in 1937; Jim played in the East-West Shrine Bowl and in the College All-Star game. He played for the basketball Razorbacks and was named second-team All-SWC in 1938. He went on to have a stellar career in the NFL. He was named second-team All-Pro in both 1939 and 1944. He was the leading receiver in the NFL in 1945 and 1946 and was named first-team All-Pro both of those seasons. He was the first NFL receiver to gain over 300 yards in one game; and when he retired, he was the second leading receiver in pro football history. He was named to the NFL’s All-Decade team of the 1940’s.

**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.

**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.

**Don Hutson** – Hutson was born in 1913 in Pine Bluff, AR. After starring in all sports for the Pine Bluff Zebras, he played his college football at Alabama and was named first-team All-America as an end in 1934. He then spent eleven seasons in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers and became the greatest pass receiver in NFL history. At the time of his retirement, he held 24 NFL records, and many of them still stand. Don was second-team All-Pro as a rookie, and later was named first-team All-Pro in each of his final ten seasons. He played on three world championship teams and was named MVP of the league in both 1941 and 1942. He was a charter member of the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951 and a

charter member of the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1963. His uniform #14 was the first number retired by the Packers; and in 2012, he was named the greatest Green Bay Packer of all time.

**Travis Jackson** – Jackson, who was born in Waldo, AR 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.

## Class of 1961

**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.

**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

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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.

**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.

**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."

## Class of 1962

**John Henry "Rube" Roberson** – Roberson was born in 1886 in Floyd, AR. He was a professional baseball pitcher for 22 seasons. Rube began his career in 1908, pitching for Newport in the Class D "Arkansas State League." By 1911 he was pitching in the majors with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He spent all or parts of six seasons in the majors with the Pirates, the Cardinals, and the Yankees. He then spent most of the rest of his career with the Little Rock Travelers, winning 23 games in 1919 and 26 games in both 1920 and 1922.

**Linwood "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.

**Carey Selph** – Selph, a Donaldson, AR 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 Tucker** – Tucker, born in Russellville, AR in 1901, was a former Arkansas Tech athlete and coach 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.

**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 managed the Travelers - 1915-1965 - winning 4 pennants. He fought to keep organized baseball in Arkansas, despite some losing seasons. Little Rock's Ray Winder Field, the long-time home of the Arkansas Travelers, was named in his honor.

## Class of 1963

**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.

**E. J. "Dutch" Harrison** – Harrison, whose real name was Ernie Joe, was born in Conway, AR in 1910. He 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.

**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.

**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.

## Class of 1964

**Bill Carr** – Carr, born in Pine Bluff, AR in 1909, was an Olympic Gold Medal winner in 1932 and was a standout sprinter and jumper at Pine Bluff High School. 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.

**Dan Estes** – Estes was born in Carrollton, AR 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.

**George Kell** – Kell was born in 1922 in Swifton, AR. From 1944 through 1957, he was the premiere third baseman in the major leagues. He hit .343 to win the American League batting title in 1949 and was also selected to the American League All-Star team ten times. Kell was voted as the "outstanding third baseman" in the major league six times. "Street & Smith Baseball Magazine" named him the "outstanding third baseman" in the major league for the Decade of the 1940's. In 1960, the Associated Press conducted a poll of sportswriters, and Kell was voted as the best third baseman in the majors for the 1950's. In 1983, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame; and a year after his passing, Swifton renamed their post office building in his honor.

**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.

**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.

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football, he was a three-year starter and was first-team All-SWC as an end in 1927. In basketball, he was first-team All-SWC in all three of his varsity seasons and was first-team All-America as a senior in 1928. Glen also excelled as a left-handed pitcher for the Hogs baseball team. He became the head basketball coach for the Razorbacks in 1932 and led his team to five SWC championships and the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament in 1941. Glen was the head coach of the football Razorbacks in 1944 and 1945. He coached at Stephen F. Austin College (1948-51), then returned to Arkansas as head basketball coach for 14 more seasons. His 1957-58 team won the SWC and played in the 1958 NCAA tournament.

## Class of 1965

**Paul "Bear" Bryant** – Bryant was born in Kingsland, AR, 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 SEC 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 SEC Coach of the Year eight times.

**Gordon "Shorty" Carpenter** – Carpenter was born in 1919 in Ash Flat, AR. Nicknamed "Shorty" despite his 6-foot 6-inch frame, he led Ash Flat to the state basketball championship in 1939. He played his college basketball at U of A and led the Razorbacks to an unbeaten SWC season in 1941 and on to the NCAA tournament. He was named first-team All-SWC as a senior in 1943. He then joined the powerful Phillips 66ers and was named AAU All-American during each of his first five seasons. He picked up a gold medal as part of the winning United States Olympic basketball team in the 1948 Summer Olympics in London. In 1950, playing for the Denver Chevrolets, he was

named AAU All-American for the sixth time. In 1960, he was elected to the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame.

**J. L. "Nick" Carter** – Carter was born in Bluff City, AR 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.

**Tom Murphy** – Murphy was born in 1909 near Jonesboro, AR. Both of his parents died before he turned eight, and he grew up in an orphanage in Batesville. As a sophomore basketball player at Batesville, he was named first-team All-America, as he led his team to the finals of the national high school tournament, losing in the championship game by two points. As a Razorback he was a three-year starter in both football and basketball, starred in track, and was named to the collegiate All-America baseball team in 1933. Murphy was selected All-SWC in basketball twice. As the Razorback quarterback in 1933, he was All-SWC and was named the MVP of the SWC by the Houston Post. He led the Hogs to the 1933 SWC title. He was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals and played one season before a knee injury ended his NFL career.

## Class of 1966

**Ken Kavanaugh** – Kavanaugh was born in Little Rock, AR 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.

**Johnny Sain** – Sain was born in Havana, AR in 1917, signed a pro baseball contract in 1936, and later became an All-Star pitcher in the major leagues. He pitched for

Oseola, 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.

**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.

**Quinnie Hamm Toler** – Toler was born near Sparkman, AR 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.

## Class of 1967

**Frank Broyles** – Broyles was born in 1924 and starred in all sports at Georgia Tech, earning 10 letters. In 1944, as the Tech quarterback, he was the Player of the Year in the SEC and was named to one All-America team. He was drafted by the Chicago Bears but decided to go into coaching. After serving one year as the head football coach at Missouri, Frank accepted the head coaching position at the University of Arkansas in December of 1957. In nineteen seasons as the head coach of the Razorbacks, his teams compiled a record of 144-58-5. The Hogs won or shared 7 SWC championships and played in ten bowl games. His career

included a 22-game winning streak and a perfect 11-0 record in 1964. After recording 5 consecutive shutouts at the end of the 1964 regular season; Arkansas defeated Nebraska 10-7 in the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1965; and as a result, the Razorbacks were voted as the 1964 National Champions in all polls conducted after the bowl games. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983.

**Tommy Freeman** – Freeman, a World Welterweight boxing champion, was born in Hot Springs, AR 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.

**Elwin "Preacher" Roe** – Roe, a native of Ash Flat, AR 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.

## Class of 1968

**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.

**Howard "Red" Hickey** – Hickey was a pro football coach and All-SWC selection at Arkansas. He was born in Hickeytown, AR 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



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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.

**John Howell "Bo" Rowland** – Rowland was a football coach at Henderson and Ouachita Baptist. He was born in Arkadelphia, AR 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.

**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.

## Class of 1969

**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.

**Wally Moon** – Moon was a major league outfielder and coach. Moon was born in Bay, AR 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.

**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.

## Class of 1970

**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.

**Mel McGaha** – McGaha was born in 1926 and attended Mabelvale. Though Mabelvale did not field a football team, McGaha enrolled at Arkansas in the fall of 1943 and played on the varsity football team. He went on to become one of the most versatile athletes in Razorback history, earning nine varsity letters (four in basketball, three in football, and two in baseball). He signed with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1948 and spent the next eleven seasons playing in the high minors. He played professional basketball with the New York Knicks during the 1948-49 season.

**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.

**John (Duke) Wells** – Wells was an all-around athlete at Henderson. He was born in Casco, AR 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.

## Class of 1971

**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.

**Eddie Hamm** – Hamm was an Olympic record holder in 1928. A native of Lonoke, AR, he 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.

**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. 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.

**Wilson Matthews** – Matthews was an Arkansas Tech football player and an outstanding coach in the Little Rock system. He was born in Atkins, AR 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.

**Franklin "Swede" McCormack** – McCormack was a standout Hendrix athlete from 1926-28. He was born in Malvern, AR 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.

**Pat Summerall** – A native of Lake City, FL, Summerall was born in 1930 and was a four-sport star in high school in Florida. He came to the U of A in the fall of 1948 and was a starter on both the freshman football team and the freshman basketball team. He played both offensive end and defensive end for the Razorbacks. In 1951, he led the Razorbacks in scoring and led the nation in field goals. He was drafted by the Detroit Lions and was a starting defensive end as a rookie in 1952. From 1953 to 1957 Pat was a starting defensive end and place-kicker for the Chicago Cardinals. He wound up his career by serving as the place-kicker for the New York Giants (1958-1961). He then went into broadcasting and became one of the most recognizable sports announcers in history. He worked 26 Super Bowls, 26 Masters golf tournaments, and 25 U.S. Open tennis tournaments. He was inducted into the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame.

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## Class of 1972

**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.

**Dave “Hawg” Hanner** – Hanner was born in 1930 in Parkin, AR. In 1947 he was a first-team All-State tackle in football. He started all three of his varsity seasons as a Razorback. In 1950, as a junior, he was the only Razorback named first-team All-SWC. He repeated as first-team All-SWC as a senior in 1951. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers and broke into the starting lineup as the defensive left tackle as a rookie. He remained a starting defensive tackle for the Packers throughout his 13-year playing career. Dave was selected to play in the Pro Bowl following the 1953 and 1954 seasons, and the “*Sporting News*” named him All-Conference in both 1957 and 1959. The Packers won the NFL championship in 1961 and 1962. Hanner was inducted into the Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame in 1974.

**Charlie McClendon** – McClendon was born in 1923 in Lewisville, AR. Lewisville did not field a football team. After serving in the Navy during World War II, McClendon played end for Arkansas A&M in 1946 and 1947. He played end for Bear Bryant at Kentucky in 1949 and 1950 and then entered the coaching field. He was a top defensive assistant when LSU won the national championship in 1958. McClendon became the head coach of the LSU Tigers for 18 seasons. He was the winningest football coach in LSU history with an overall record of 137-59-7, and he took LSU to 13 bowl games. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1986.

## Class of 1973

**Allan Berry** – Berry was a Henderson and Vanderbilt athlete who also

served as the War Memorial Stadium Manager. He was born in Dalark, AR 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.

**Sam Coleman** – A native of Strong, AR 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.

**Ray Hamilton** – Hamilton was born in 1916 in Sheridan, AR and attended the U of A, lettering three years in both football and basketball (second-team All-SWC in basketball in 1938). As a NFL rookie with the Cleveland Rams in 1938, he was the starting right end. In 1939 he played for the Detroit Lions. After the war, he returned to the Rams for the 1944 and 1945 seasons, with the Rams winning the NFL championship in 1945. Ray closed out his career as the starting right end for the Rams in 1946 and 1947.

**Sherman Lollar** – Lollar was a major league catcher for 18 seasons. Born in Durham, AR 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

**Raymond (Rabbit) Burnett** – Burnett was a standout football star at two colleges. He was born in New Hope, AR 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 born in 1916 in Little Rock, AR. As a Razorback, he was a three-year starter in both football and basketball. In football, he was primarily a single-wing tailback, and his passing led the Hogs to the SWC crown during his junior year in 1936. Jack was named first-team All-SWC that season and received 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> All-America berths by major selectors. In 1937, he was named to one second-team All-America team. In his three basketball seasons, the Razorbacks won two conference championships. Robbins was named first-team All-SWC as a junior and again as a senior. After graduation, he was selected to play in the 1938 College All-Star football game in Chicago. He then joined the Chicago Cardinals and was the fourth best passer in the NFL as a rookie in 1938.

**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.

**John R. Thompson** – Thompson was a Hendrix College standout and coach. He was born in Amity, AR in 1898. At Hendrix, 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.

## Class of 1975

**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 \$1,173,591 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.

**Charles Baxter “Foots” Clement** – Clement was born in 1904 in Rover, AR. He lettered in four sports at Arkansas Tech (then a junior college); and after his stint at Teck, he lettered three years (1927-1931) as a tackle for Alabama. As a senior in 1930, two of the three major selectors named him All-Southern, and the Central Press named him third-team All-America. His final game for Alabama was in a win over Washington State in the 1931 Rose Bowl, a game which he was also named team captain.

**Lamar McHan** – McHan was born in 1932 in Lake Village, AR. As a Razorback, he was first-team All-SWC as a sophomore quarterback in 1951 and was also first-team All-SWC as a single-wing tailback in 1953. He was second in the nation in total offense and was ninth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy. He was the first player chosen in the NFL draft and was the starting quarterback for the Chicago Cardinals for his first five seasons in the NFL. Lamar and Bart Starr alternated as the quarterbacks for the Green Bay Packers during Vince Lombardi’s first two seasons as head coach. McHan then backed up Johnny Unitas for two seasons with the Baltimore Colts. McHan retired after quarterbacking the San Francisco 49ers during the 1963 season.

**Bobby Winkles** – Winkles was the baseball coach at Arizona State. He was a native of Swifton, AR, 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

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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.

## Class of 1976

**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.

**John Hoffman** – Hoffman was born in 1925 in Little Rock, AR. He was one of the outstanding three-sport stars in the history of Little Rock Senior High. In 1945, as a freshman at the U of A, he played fullback and was the leading ground-gainer in the SWC. He was awarded the Martin Trophy as the outstanding athlete in Arkansas for 1945. In the spring of 1946, John won first place in the SWC track meet in the discus. In the fall of 1946, his pass interception for a touchdown was the only score as Arkansas beat Rice 7-0 and earned a trip to the Cotton Bowl. He was an eight-year starter for the Chicago Bears. He was selected to play in the Pro Bowl All-Star games following the 1953 and 1955 seasons.

**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.

**Billy Ray Smith, Sr.** – Smith 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. "Bubba" Terry** – Terry was a three-sport standout at College of the Ozarks 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.

## Class of 1977

**J. M. "Johnnie" Burnett** – Burnett was Executive Director of the Arkansas Activities Association from 1946-74. He was an all-around athlete at Jonesboro 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 1946-49. 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.

**Willis Hudlin** – Hudlin was a major league pitcher with Cleveland, Washington, New York, and St. Louis. 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.

**Bobby Mitchell** – Mitchell was born in 1935 in Hot Springs, AR. He starred there in all sports at Langston High. In his first season with the varsity at the University of Illinois, he was named first-team All-Big 10 halfback. He was also a world-class hurdler in track for the Illini. At the close of his senior season, he was selected to play in the East-West Shrine game (December 1957). In 1958, he scored the first two touchdowns of the game and was named MVP as the College All-Stars defeated the NFL champion Detroit Lions. After the All-Star game, Mitchell joined the Cleveland Browns and was a four-year starter at halfback. Mitchell was second-team All-NFL following the 1959 and 1960 seasons and was chosen to play in the Pro Bowl following the 1960 season. Bobby then became the first African American to play for the Washington Redskins. He moved to wide receiver and was named first-team All-NFL in 1962, 1963, and 1964. He was also selected to play in the Pro Bowl those same three years. In 1983, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

**Tom Pickell** – Pickell was born in 1909 in Fayetteville, AR and became a basketball star at the U of A.. He led the Razorbacks to three consecutive SWC championships in his three varsity seasons. He was first-team All-SWC all three years, led the conference in scoring in 1928, and was named first-team All-America in 1929. There were no professional leagues in the 1930s, so Tom became an AAU standout and was named to the AAU All-America teams in 1932, 1934, and 1935. After his retirement, he was inducted into the Helms Foundation Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Class of 1978

**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.

**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.

**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** – Brooks was born in Little Rock, AR in 1937 and became a star playing for Little Rock's American Legion baseball teams during the summers of the early 1950s. At Little Rock Central High, he was all-state in basketball and signed a major league baseball contract with the Baltimore Orioles the day after he graduated. He spent his entire major league career with the Orioles (1955-1977). In 1960, he won his first of sixteen consecutive Gold Gloves. He played in eighteen All-Star games. In 1964, Brooks hit .317, with 28 home runs, and a league-leading 118 RBIs. He was the MVP in the American League, and "Sport" magazine named him Major League Player of the Year. He was the MVP of the 1970 World Series. In 1977, he was named the outstanding third baseman in the history of the major leagues. In 1983, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The Orioles retired his jersey (# 5); and at the end of the twentieth century, he was named as the outstanding American League third baseman for the previous one hundred years.



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**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

**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 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.

**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.

**Lance Alworth** – A native of Brookhaven, MS, Alworth was born in 1940 and was a first-team All-America running back in high school. At the U of A, he was All-SWC in 1960 and 1961 and led the nation in punt returns both seasons. He was a first-team All-America halfback in 1961 and was selected to play in the College All-Star game. He then played nine seasons as a wide receiver with the San Diego Chargers and two seasons with the Dallas Cowboys. In 1972, he caught a touchdown pass in the Super Bowl as the Cowboys beat the Dolphins 24-3. He was first-team All-AFL for seven

consecutive seasons with the Chargers. Lance has been inducted into both the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame. In 1978, he was the first AFL player inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was the only player selected to both the AFL's All-Time Team and the NFL's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All-Time Team. In 2005, the Chargers retired his #19 jersey.

**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** – A Atkins, AR native, 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.

**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, AR, he 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** – A native of Mayflower, AR, 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.

**Barry Switzer** – Switzer was born in 1937 in Crossett, AR. He was first-team All-State as a guard in 1954. He played college football for the Razorbacks and was a three-year letterman; winding up his career on January 2, 1960 as one of the co-captains for the SWC championship Razorbacks in their Gator Bowl win. Following graduation, Barry went into coaching as an assistant at Arkansas (1960-1965). He coached the offensive ends for the 1964 national

championship Razorback team. He later became an assistant at Oklahoma (1966-1972) and later was elevated to the head coaching position for the Sooners in 1973. During his 16 years as head coach at Oklahoma his teams compiled a record of 157-29-4, including twelve Big-8 conference titles and three national championships. After his retirement, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a coach. He came out of retirement to be the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys for four seasons in the mid-1990's, coaching them to a 45-27 overall record and a Super Bowl win (XXX) in 1996 over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

**Floyd "Arky" Vaughan** – Born in 1912 in Clifty, AR, 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.

## Class of 1981

**Wayne Harris** – Born in Hampton, AR in 1938, Harris was an All-State selection at El Dorado for three years and was an All-Southern and All-America prep guard. 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.

**Sam F. Hindsman** – A native of Columbus, MS, 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

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30-13-2. Hindsman coached at Dermott, North Little Rock High, and Arkansas State Teacher's College.

**Don Kessinger** – Kessinger was born in 1942 in Forrest City, AR. He was a four-sport star for the Mustangs and is one of the few athletes in Arkansas that has been inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame. In 1960, he was named to Scholastic Magazine's 30-man high school All-America basketball team. At Ole Miss, he was All-SEC in basketball for three seasons; and in baseball, he was the college All-America shortstop in 1964. He played 16 seasons as a major league shortstop, primarily with the Chicago Cubs. He was awarded the Gold Glove in both 1969 and 1970. "The Sporting News" named him as the National League All-Star shortstop for the seasons of 1968, 1969, and 1970. Kessinger played in six All-Star games and retired in 1979.

**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.

**Clifford Shaw** – Born in 1908 in Liberty, AR, Shaw was a nationally known football and basketball official. He officiated for 35 years in the SWC, 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 was inducted into the AOA Hall of Fame in 1996.

## Class of 1982

**Milan Creighton** – Born in 1908, Creighton was a native of Gothenburg, NE. He was a letterman in football, basketball, and track during his each of his three varsity seasons at the U of A.. In football, he started out as a guard and then moved to end his senior season. He was named first-team All-SWC. In basketball, he was a three-year starter and was named second-team All-SWC as a junior in 1930 and led the Hogs to the SWC championship. In track, he specialized in the shot put and the discus. He was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals and was their starting left end during his first four seasons (1931-1934) in the NFL. In 1935, Milan became the head coach of the Cardinals. He was the head coach of the Cardinals for four seasons – and was a "playing coach" during his first three seasons at the helm.

**Deward Dopson** – A native of Strong, AR, 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.

**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.

**Aubrey "Cob" Fowler** – Fowler was a standout athlete from Dumas, AR. As a star at Arkansas Tech in 1939, 1940, and 1945, he led the nation in scoring for the 1945 undefeated AIC champions. Fowler was a triple threat tailback at Arkansas 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.

**Jim Pace** – Born in 1936, Pace was a football and track star at Little Rock's Dunbar High, winning 14 letters in four sports. He was a star halfback at the University of Michigan 1955-1957, and also won the Big Ten 60-yard indoor dash title. As a senior, he led the Big Ten in rushing and scoring; won the Chicago Tribune Silver Football MVP of the Big Ten and was named first-team All-America by the AP. Pace was a starting halfback in both the East-West Shrine game and the 1958 College All-Star game. He was the eighth pick in the first round of the 1958 NFL draft. As a rookie with the San Francisco 49ers, he played in all 12 games. In 1959, Jim suffered a knee injury that ended his NFL career.

**Hugh "Bones" Taylor** – A four-sport athlete at Wynne, AR, 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.

## 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** – Dean was born in Lucas, near Booneville, AR. A member of baseball's Hall of Fame, his St. Louis Cardinals team won 30 games for the World Championship in 1934. He 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. In 1910 and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953 at Cooperstown.

**Paul "Daffy" Dean** – A native of Lucas, AR, and a brother of Dizzy dean, Daffy Dean 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.

**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 was born in 1913 in Tuscaloosa, AL. He was a University of Alabama all-around athlete and 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 the Southern Association pennant winning team of 1937. After trials with the Boston Red Sox and Brooklyn Dodgers, Rogers retired from baseball.

**Eddie Sutton** – Sutton was born in 1936 and became the head basketball coach at the University of Arkansas for the 1974-75 season. During the 1976-77 season, his Razorbacks went undefeated in SWC play; won the SWC tournament, and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1958. The following season the



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Hogs reached the Final Four; defeating Notre Dame for third-place in the nation. During his eleven seasons at Arkansas, Sutton's teams won five SWC championships, appeared in nine NCAA tournaments, and compiled an overall record of 260-75. He later coached at Kentucky and at his alma mater, Oklahoma State, and became one of a small group of men's basketball coaches to have more than 800 career wins. In 2011, he was inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Class of 1984

**Fred Akers** – Akers, a Blytheville, AR 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 replaced Darrell Royal at Texas in 1977, compiling a record of 86-31- and 2. His Texas teams played in 9 bowl games in 10 years.

**Kay Eakin** – Eakin, a native of Marianna, AR, led the SWC in punting his three varsity seasons with the 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.

**C. R. "Sonny" Gordon** – Gordon coached for 40 years in his hometown of Holly Grove, AR before retiring in 1980 with a dozen district championships in both football and basketball. His 1976 boys' 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. He started his coaching career at Sloan-Hendrix and Walnut Ridge. He 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, AR 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 1948 in Fayetteville, raised in Hot Springs,

and then just before his senior year, his family moved to Des Arc. After graduating from Des Arc in 1966, Harris accepted a football scholarship to Ouachita and was an All-AIC defensive back in 1968 and 1969. He played ten seasons with the Dallas Cowboy and was named first-team All-Pro four consecutive years. He also played in the Pro Bowl following each of his final six seasons and played in five Super Bowls. In addition to his outstanding play as a defensive back, he was an excellent punt returner and kick-off return specialist. He was named to the NFL's All-Decade team for the 1970's and was inducted into the Cowboys Ring of Honor. In 1999, "Sports Illustrated" named its all-time All-Pro team and Cliff Harris was chosen as the best free safety in the history of professional football. In 2014, Ouachita Baptist University honored Harris by naming its new football stadium "Cliff Harris Stadium".

**Ragon Kinney** – Kinney, a Hartman, AR 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 born in Searcy, AR 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. In his seven years as an Arkansas basketball coach (1942-1949), Lambert led the Razorbacks to a record of 113-61, two SWC Championships, two NCAA bids, and no SWC finish lower than third place.

**Floyd Sagely** – Sagely was born in 1932 just outside of Van Buren, AR. He starred in all sports for Van Buren, being named All-State in both football and basketball. After graduation he was chosen to play in the high school All-America basketball game held in Murray, KY. During the 1950-51 school year he was a "starter" on both the freshmen football and basketball teams at the University of Arkansas.

As a senior, in football, he led the SWC in pass receiving and ranked sixth in the nation. For the 1953 season, he was named first-team All-SWC and second-team All-America. He was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers and played offensive end and defensive back as a rookie in 1954. After serving twenty-two months in the Army, he returned to the 49ers in November of 1956.

**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, AR. 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, AR 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. 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

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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 born in 1945 and was a starter on the Razorback freshman football team in 1963. As a sophomore in 1964, he was first-team All-SWC as a defensive tackle for the national championship Razorback team. In 1965, he repeated as first-team All-SWC and was named a consensus All-America. As a senior in 1966, Loyd was named first-team All-SWC for the third time and repeated as a first-team All-America. He was awarded the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman. Phillips was a first-round draft choice of the Chicago Bears and was a starting defensive end for three seasons before retiring from the NFL due to injuries. In 1970, he was named as a defensive tackle on the All-SWC All-Decade team for the 1960's. Loyd was inducted into both the SWC Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

**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 a total of 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, AR became an All-SWC end in 1946 at Arkansas and was selected as the most valuable lineman in the Razorback's icy 0-0 tie with LSU

in the 1947 Cotton Bowl. He was drafted by the Buffalo Bills and was one of the league's leading pass receivers and scorers. Baldwin later spent a year with the Green Bay Packers and finished his career with the Ottawa Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

**Clair Bates** – Bates, a native of Lincoln, AR was a 1932 graduate of Fort Smith High School. He coached his 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** – Born in 1944 in Caldwell, AR, Lindsey went on to play football for the Razorbacks. In 1963, as a sophomore tailback and fullback, he was the leading ground gainer. In 1964, he moved to wingback and was the leading pass receiver and was second in rushing yardage for the national champions. Following his senior season, he was named to the Academic All-America team; scored a touchdown in the Senior Bowl all-star game played in Mobile; and in August of 1966, he played for the College All-Stars against the Green Bay Packers. Jim spent seven seasons in the NFL as a running back and captain of the "special teams" for the Minnesota Vikings. As a Viking, he played for four consecutive divisional champions and played in the 1970 Super Bowl. He retired after the 1972 season.

**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-America honors in track. He was hired to be the coach of the cross-country track team at Arkansas in 1972. For the 1977-78 school year, he added the title of "head track & field coach," as he took over the indoor and outdoor track programs. John headed all three programs for the next 31 years, retiring after the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Championships. He turned

Arkansas into a national track powerhouse – his Razorback teams won 42 NCAA championships (eleven cross country, nineteen indoor track, and twelve outdoor track). These 42 national championships won under McDonnell are more than those won by any other coach in any sport in the history of college athletics. 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. He has been inducted into both the National Track and Field Hall of Fame and the United States Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. In addition, the outdoor track facility at the University of Arkansas has been named "John McDonnell Field" in his honor.

**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** – A native of Lexa, AR, Bearden was 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, AR 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.

**George Kok** – "Big George", standing 6-10, was a four-year starter in basketball for the Razorbacks. As a freshman (1944-45 season) he led the Hogs in scoring and to the "Final Four" in the NCAA tournament; losing to the eventual national champion Oklahoma A&M. Kok was named first-team All-SWC and was the second leading scorer in the conference. As a sophomore, he led the conference in scoring, was again named All-SWC, and "The Sporting News" named him second-team All-America. As a junior, he was second in the SWC in scoring. As a senior, he repeated as All-SWC, led the conference in scoring, and finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The AP announced its first All-America selections, and Kok was named to the third team. At the time of his graduation in 1948, his 1,644 points were the most in SWC history.

**Jimmy "Red" Parker** – Parker was an outstanding athlete and coach, serving as offensive coordinator at Ole Miss. 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, The Citadel, Clemson, Southern Arkansas, and Delta State, he produced a record of 127-107-8. 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, AR did a lot of the throwing and some of the receiving when Fred Thomsen's 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

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**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, AR native, led the nation in punt returns in 1963 and 1964, his junior and senior seasons at Arkansas. He was an All-SWC 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 Arkansas 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. He later became a winning head coach at Clemson and Rice and was named to the Razorback's All-Century Team.

**Harold Horton** – Horton was born in 1939 in DeWitt, AR. In 1956 he was an all-state halfback for the DeWitt Dragons. Horton lettered as a defensive halfback for the Razorbacks in 1960 and 1961 and then went into coaching. He initially coached at Bald Knob and Forrest City compiling a record of 43-15-3. He then served 13 years as an assistant coach for the Razorbacks. In 1982, Horton took over as head coach at the University of Central Arkansas. In eight seasons at UCA, his teams compiled a record of 74-12-5. This included NAIA national championships in 1984 and 1985; seven consecutive conference championships and winning his last 38 regular-season games.

**Eddie Miles** – Miles was born in 1940 in North Little Rock and was all-state in basketball for four years at NLR's Scipio A. Jones High School, leading his team to four state championships. He then attended Seattle University and led his team to the NCAA tournament in all three of his varsity seasons. He also led his team in scoring all three years and ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation in his senior season. As a junior in 1962, Eddie was named second-team All-America by the

Helms Foundation. As a senior in 1963, he was named first-team All-America by the Helms Foundation; second-team All-America by Converse and by the NEA, and third-team All-America by the AP and the UPI. He then spent nine seasons in the NBA, scoring over 8,000 points. Seattle retired his jersey #20. Miles was the leading scorer for the West in the 1966 NBA All-Star game.

**Brad Scott** – Scott, a native of Prescott, was one of the SWC'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.

**R. H. Sikes** – Sikes, a native of Springdale, AR 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, AR 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 Debryin** – Debryin, a Wisconsin native, served as the Arkansas head baseball coach for three decades. By 1991, Debryin 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, Sr.** – 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, Dunklin 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-SWC Razorback basketball player from Emerson, AR. 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.

**Frances 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** – A native of Big Sandy, TX, Nesbitt was born in 1932. He was an outstanding fullback, linebacker, and punter for the Razorbacks. At the time of his graduation, he ranked #1 in punting (42.7 average), #2 in rushing (1,668 yards), and #3 in scoring (106 points). He was first-team All-SWC in 1956 and 1957. As a junior, in 1956, he was selected as first-team All-America by the Gridiron Record. He was chosen to play in the East-West Shrine game in Kezar Stadium in San Francisco in



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1957 and scored three touchdowns and was awarded the W.M. Coffman Trophy as the outstanding player in the game. He then went on to play four seasons with the Ottawa Rough Riders in the Canadian Football League. In 1960, Ottawa won the Grey Cup as CFL champions and in 1961, Nesbitt was voted as Ottawa's outstanding player and was one of the nominees for the league's MVP award.

## Class of 1992

**Lorieta Blann** – Blann, a native of Scott, AR 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 was an outstanding single-wing blocking back and linebacker for the Razorbacks 1953-55. He earned All-SWC as a halfback in 1955. He 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.

**Don Dyer** – Dyer, a native of Clarendon, AR was the head coach at the University of Central Arkansas. He was the only coach in NAIA history to have taken two different schools to the national championship games. (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 played high school football for Jacksonville, AR and was chosen to the AP's Arkansas Super Team in 1974 and was chosen to play in the High School All-Star game. He then went to Fayetteville to play in the defensive line for the Razorbacks for four seasons. In 1977, he was second-team All-SWC and first team All SWC in 1978. Also in 1978, he was named defensive player of the year in the SWC by the Houston Post and named first-team All-America. He became a defensive end and defensive tackle for the Chicago Bears for 12 seasons (1979-1990). In 1979, he was named to the NFL's All-Rookie team. He was named first-team All-NFL four times, second team twice, and played in four Pro Bowls. In 1982, he was chosen as the NFL's defensive player of the year. He was named to the NFL's All-Decade team of the 1980's and was a defensive star in the 1986 Super Bowl when the Bears crushed the Patriots 46-10. In 2002, Hampton was inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

## Class of 1993

**Earl Bell** – Bell, a Jonesboro, AR 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 the head football coach at Ouachita Baptist for 31 seasons. He was also the quarterback who in 1954 threw a 66-yard TD pass for the Razorbacks in a 6-0 victory over nationally ranked

Ole Miss. That year the team compiled an 8-3 record, a share of the 1954 SWC Championship and a berth in the Cotton Bowl against Georgia Tech. At Ouachita, Benson produced 16 All-America and 208 All-Conference players during his 31 years as head coach. He compiled a 162-140-8 record at Ouachita, including winning four AIC Championships. After retiring from coaching in the 1995 season, he served as athletic director until 1995.

**Jerry Dalrymple** – Dalrymple, who played college football for Tulane, was born in Rosston, AR in 1907. He played high school football for Prescott. Initially he 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 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 was born in 1957 in Little Rock, AR. He was a high school All-America basketball player at Hall High in Little Rock in 1975. As a freshman at the U of A, he led the NCAA in field goal percentage and was named first-team All-SWC three times, second-team All-America as a junior, and first-team All-America as a senior in 1979. He also led the Razorbacks in rebounding all four years. At the time of his graduation, he also held the career scoring record with 2,066 points. He was the first Razorback to have his jersey (#32) retired, and he was inducted into the SWC Hall of Fame After he retired from the NBA, Hall High retired his jersey (#32) and named their gym after him. He was also inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. He was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks and was either first-team or second-team All-NBA for five consecutive seasons and played in five NBA All-Star games. Following the 1982-83 season, the NBA announced its first ever Defensive Player of the Year Award. Moncrief won the award and repeated as the winner the following season. He

scored over 13,000 points in his NBA career and on January 16, 1990, the Bucks retired his jersey (#4).

**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, were nationally known as the famed Triplets. Brewer was an All-SWC 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 U of A, 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-SWC 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.

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**Ike Poole** – Poole was an All-America 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-SWC 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, AR 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 NAIA'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.

**Chuck Dicus** – Dicus was the Razorbacks career leader in pass receptions with 118 in three seasons. He was an All-SWC selection in 1969 and 1970 and was named to almost everyone's All-America team in both

1969 and 1970. Dicus was the MVP 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.

**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.

**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-SWC "Defensive 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 UA Sports 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

**Billy 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 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-SWC 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** – a Fordyce, AR native, Lacewell 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. 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 was born in 1959 in Little Rock, AR and played baseball for Sylvan Hills. In 1978, he was the High School Player of the Year for the state of Arkansas and the MVP of the state tournament. He is one of the few athletes in Arkansas that has been inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame. He was an All-America outfielder for the Razorbacks and was named to the NCAA College World Series All-Tournament team in 1979. He has been inducted into the SWC Hall of Fame. In 1983, he was the MVP of the Pacific Coast League and then spent twelve seasons as a major league outfielder. With the Mets in 1988, he hit .288 with 27 home runs and 99 runs batted in. He was third in the voting for the MVP for the National League that season. For his major league career,

he hit 211 home runs and drove in 807 runs.

**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 U of A. 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 TD 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 Razorbacks.

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**Billy Moore** – Moore, a Little Rock, AR 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 SWC 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, AR was considered one of the state's top amateur golfers. A career spanning for more than 45 years, 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, AR native, played football and basketball at Hendrix College. He 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.

**Firman Bynum** – Bynum, a native of Russellville, AR was an All-AIC tackle in 1938 and 1939; and in 1939, he was the first Arkansas Tech player named to the Little All-America team. He played at Arkansas in 1940-41, earning All-SWC second team honors, while also being named honorable mention All-America by the AP 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, AR 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, AR 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 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** – A native of Port Arthur, TX, Johnson entered the U of A in the fall of 1961. After playing on the freshman team in 1961, he moved up to the varsity team and lettered as a guard for the 1962 season, playing in the Sugar Bowl against Ole Miss. He moved into the starting lineup as a junior and was selected first-team All-SWC as the defensive nose guard for the 1964 national championship team. Johnson then served 14 years as an assistant coach, including serving as the defensive line coach for the Razorbacks during the last four years of the Frank Broyles era. His first head coaching job was at Oklahoma State. After five years there, he became the head coach at Miami for five seasons. His overall college coaching record was 81-34-3, including one national championship at Miami. In 2012, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a coach. He then spent five seasons as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, where he won Super Bowls following the 1992 and 1993 seasons. Johnson became the first football coach to win a National Championship as a player, as a division I college coach, and as an NFL coach. He also coached four

seasons as head coach of the Miami Dolphins. His overall NFL record was 80-64. After coaching, he became a successful TV sports commentator.

**Mark Martin** – Martin, a Batesville, AR native, was the first individual from auto racing to gain entry into the ASHOF. 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 named 1989 Richard Petty Driver of the Year, 2002, 2005, 2009 NASCAR Illustrated Person of the Year, 2008 Legends of the Glen Inductee, 2015 Motorsports Hall of Fame of American Inductee, and 2017 NASCAR Hall of Fame Inductee.

**Nolan Richardson** – Richardson was born in 1941 and became the head basketball coach at the U of A for the 1985-86 season. Prior to coming to Arkansas, he had coached teams to both a junior college national championship and to an NIT national championship. His last three Razorback teams that played in the SWC went 44-6 in conference play, winning three straight SW conference titles (1989-1991). In his seventeen seasons at Arkansas, he led the Hogs to three Final Fours – including winning three SEC titles (1992, 1994, & 1995) and the National Championship in 1994. He was named national coach of the year that same season. His 1995 team also reached the finals of the NCAA tournament. Overall, his Razorback teams won 389 games – the most wins for one coach in school history. In 2008, he was inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2014, Richardson was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Bill Stancil** – Stancil, a Parkin, AR native, attended Arkansas Tech and the U of A. He started his coaching career as an assistant football coach at Blytheville 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.

## Class of 1999

**Ronnie Caveness** – Caveness, a native of Houston, Texas, was one of the first out-of-state blue-chip athletes to sign with Frank Broyles' Razorbacks. Ronnie was a two-time All-America for the Hogs in 1963 and in 1964, when they went 11-0 and won the National Championship. 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.

**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 sky-rocketed 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.

**Keith Jackson** – Jackson was born in 1965 in Little Rock, AR. He attended Parkview High in Little Rock, and in 1983, was named to the "Parade" All-America football team. In 2011, "Parade" named him to their All-Time All-America team. He was an All-America tight end at Oklahoma in 1986 and 1987 and has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles. 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. In addition to being named Rookie of the Year for the NFC in 1988, he was first-team All-Pro with the Eagles in 1988, 1989, and 1990. In 1992, he was second-team All-Pro



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with the Dolphins. He was chosen to play in six Pro Bowls and wound up his nine-year career picking up a Super Bowl ring (XXXI) with the Green Bay Packers. He is the founder of P.A.R.K. (Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids), a non-profit organization that is an outreach program for inner city youths.

**Jerry Jones** – Jones was born in 1942 and was raised in North Little Rock, AR. He was a star running back and defensive back for NLR High, was named first-team All-State and selected to play in the Arkansas High School All-Star game. As a Razorback, Jones moved up to the varsity squad in 1962, lettering as a guard and playing in the Sugar Bowl against Ole Miss. As a junior in 1963, he started the season as the fullback and caught a touchdown pass in War Memorial Stadium in the season-opener. As a senior in 1964, he was co-captain of the team and started every game as an offensive guard and helped lead the Razorbacks to a National Championship. In 1989, Jones bought the Dallas Cowboys for \$140 million. Since that time, he has served as president and general manager of the Cowboys. During the first seven years he owned the Cowboys, the team won three Super Bowls in a 4-year span (1993-1996). In 2017, Jones was inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

**Al Joyner** – Joyner, a native of East St. Louis, IL, was a three-time All-America 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 1/2 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.

**Mike Malham, Sr.** – a native of Brinkley, AR Malham spent 40 years coaching in both the high school and college levels, retiring 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.

**Ben Pearson** – Pearson, a native of Paron, AR 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 deadeye 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.

## Class of 2000

**Tommy Boyer** – Boyer, a Ft. Smith, AR 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 helped his team win two back-to-back state championships. In his junior and senior years in high school, he was named the state's most outstanding player; and in his senior season, he was selected first-team All-American. He earned All-America honors at Arkansas in 1963 and was All-SWC in 1962 and 1963. He set three NCAA records and led the nation in free throw shooting percentage with 93.3% in 1962 and 91.3% in 1963. He was the Razorbacks all-time leading scorer for three SWC seasons, averaging 21.9 ppg.

**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, AR 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.

**Clyde Horton** – Horton turned 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.

**Charlie Jones** – Jones, a native of Ft. Smith, AR 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.

**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** – 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.

**Earnest 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 not only played but starred for 10 years (1975-84) for Don Shula's Miami Dolphins. In 1982, he was the Dolphin's team captain and also led the team in tackles in Super Bowl XVII. Rhone also played in Super Bowl XIX.

**Jack Stephens** – Prattville, AR 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.

## Class of 2001

**John Ed Anthony** – A native of Camden, AR 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, AR 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

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was inducted into both the University of Mississippi and the state of Mississippi's Sports Hall of Fame.

**Roy Green** – Magnolia, AR'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 born in 1941 and became a three-year starting end for the Razorbacks. In 1962, he led the Hogs in pass receiving; was named "Sophomore Lineman of the Year" for the SWC and was named third-team All-SWC by the United Press. In 1963, he led the team in pass receiving again and was named first-team All-SWC. Jerry played both offense and defense. As a senior in 1964, he was an offensive end for the national championship Razorbacks. He repeated as first-team All-SWC and was named first-team All-America by "Sport" magazine. After the Cotton Bowl victory, he played in the Hula Bowl All-Star game. He finished his career as the second-leading pass receiver in Razorback history, was named to the Razorback All-Decade team for the 1960's, and played professional football for the Kansas City Chiefs.

**Houston Nutt, Sr.** – A native of Fordyce, AR Nutt 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, AR Parker 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 district championships. In 1982, she was one of sixteen coaches in America to be awarded the "Distinguished Service Award" from the National High School Coaches Associations. She retired from coaching in 1993, and Ashdown's gymnasium bears her name.

**Ken Turner** – A native of Blackton, AR Turner 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 for the Razorbacks. He was named All-SWC three times. As a senior, he was chosen as a first-team All-America. 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 most 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 linemen in Razorback history, Harrison, AR native 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 Razorback 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.

**Ralph "Sporty" Carpenter** – One of the most successful football coaches in the AIC, Carpenter coached at Henderson State University for 19 seasons and was the winningest coach in HSU history, with an overall record of 119-76-5. In the early 1970's, Henderson won 3 consecutive AIC championships (1973, 1974, & 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."

**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, AR.

**Rush "Buddy" Harding, Sr.** – 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 per season 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, AR.

**Joe Kleine** – A two-time All-SWC performer for Eddie Sutton's Razorbacks, Kleine 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 AIC championships

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(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-AIC, 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.

**Charles "Junior" Lewis** – A native of Ft. Smith, AR 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 Razorback 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 "SWC 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 U of A 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 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, Bailey 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 SWC (football and basketball) for a decade and covered the AIC 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 Cardinals. He was also a noted author ("The Razorbacks and Frank Broyles" - an autobiography). Bailey received the 1990 SAU Distinguished Alumnus Award and is a native of Emerson.

**Calvin Harrell** – A native of Augusta, AR, Harrell is one of the top running backs in Arkansas State football history, Harrell rushed for more than 1,000 yards in 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-America 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** – A native of Hot Springs, AR, Hart is 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.

**Sonny Ingram** – A native of Vilonia, AR, Ingram was 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. He 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** – A native of DeWitt, AR 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, Earl Bell and Jeff Hartwig. He also coached on the high

school level at Pine Bluff and Stuttgart and was inducted into the ASU Hall of Honor in 1984.

**Lou Schaufele** – A native of Little Rock, AR, 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 and the Orange Bowl. 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-SWC player.

**William H. "Buddy" Sutton** – Sutton was a notable Razorback player in 1950-1952. He was a team captain and school body president as a senior. That same year, he led the Razorbacks in rushing with 448 yards and also had 3 TD's on 100 carries. Following graduation, he became a lawyer, in a distinguished career that spanned 5 decades. A legal and civic leader, Sutton was instrumental in helping to establish the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame (ASHOF) and is being named an honorary inductee for this, as well as for serving as Chair of the ASHOF Foundation and for his fundraising efforts to help build the ASHOF Museum.

**Bill Valentine** – A native of Little Rock, AR Valentine served as general manager of the Arkansas Traveler's for more than a quarter of a century and was voted Texas League General Manger 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.

**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. A three year starter for Eddie Sutton's Hogs, he was named the SWC Defensive Player of the Year



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twice. During his senior season, he made not only All-SWC, but All-America as well. 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, Walker, a native of Chicago, went into coaching and served as head coach of both the Toronto Raptors and Washington Wizards. Then, went into college coaching.

**W. T. Watson** – A native of Hampton, AR Watson played basketball and baseball at Southern State and ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the school's "300 Club" with 386 points scored. 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 AIC 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.

**John Widner** – A native of Alpena, AR Widner's 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). 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, AR Branch went on to become an All-SWC 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 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, AR Canada starred for the Razorbacks 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 selected All-SWC twice. He also went on to be selected All-America 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 "Bull" 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** – Garrison was born in 1940 in Forrest City, AR. He came to Hendrix College as the head basketball coach in 1972 and retired after serving for 31 seasons. His Hendrix teams won 463 games and played in both the NAIA and the NCAA tournaments. Cliff's teams won 5 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) championships. Three times he was named AIC Coach of the Year, and twice he was chosen NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year. He is one of only a few men's college coaches in Arkansas to win over 300 games. Hendrix College named its basketball court the "Garrison Court" in his honor. In 2015, he was honored with the National Association of Basketball Coaches Guardians of the Game Award for Education at the NCAA Final Four. Cliff is an inductee of the Hendrix Hall of Fame as well as the Forest City Hall of Fame.

**Wayne Martin** – A native of Forrest City, AR Martin was one of the top defensive linemen to ever come out of Arkansas. He was named to both All-SWC and All-America 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".

**J. P. Moore** – A native of Benton, AR, Moore was one of the most highly recruited players in the country. 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, kicked and 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, Scholtens Wood played on 3 state championship teams for Ft. Smith-Southside. She posted a 95-5 record during that span. Three times she was named MVP in the state tournament and was also named a Parade All-America. 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 SEC. 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. Scholtens Wood 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 and Vanderbilt Hall of Fame.

## Class of 2005

**William "Bud" Brooks** – A native of Wynne, AR Brooks was 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. 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 ASU 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.

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**Scott Hastings** – A native of Independence, KS, Hastings was a 3-time All-SWC 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.

**Terri Conder-Johnson** – A native of Rose Bud, AR Conder Johnson is one of the most decorated players in Arkansas women's basketball history. Conder Johnson 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! Conder Johnson was inducted into the UCA Hall of Fame in 2001 and was voted Arkansas' Female Runner of the Year in 2000.

**Cortez Kennedy** – Kennedy was born in 1968 in Osceola, AR and grew up in nearby Wilson. Kennedy graduated from Wilson's Rivercrest High. In 1989, he was an All-America defensive lineman for the University of Miami and the third overall pick in the first round of the 1990 NFL draft. He spent his entire eleven-year NFL career playing defensive tackle for the Seattle Seahawks. He was chosen to play in eight Pro Bowls and was First-Team All-Pro four times. In 1992, he was voted as the outstanding defensive player in the NFL. He was named to the NFL All-Decade team for the 1990's; and in 2006, he was inducted into the Seahawks' Ring of Honor. The town of Wilson named a street in his honor: "Cortez Kennedy Avenue." In 2007, "Sports Illustrated" named Kennedy the best athlete in any sport to ever wear uniform #96. In 2012, the Seahawks retired his #96 jersey, and he was enshrined in the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

**J. P. Lovelady** – A native of Dover, AR Lovelady was one of the all-time great players in the AIC, starring at Arkansas Tech from 1958-'61. He was All-AIC (1958, '60, & '61); and in 1961, he was named to the Associated Press All-America team. His 42 points against UAM 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.

**Mickey O'Quinn** – A native of Malvern, AR O'Quinn 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.

**Scottie Pippen** – A native of Hamburg, AR 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. Pippen was the 5<sup>th</sup> overall 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 born in 1931 in Barling, AR. Playing American Legion baseball for Fort Smith, he was the outstanding player in the state tournament in 1948. After graduating from Fort Smith High in 1949, he signed with the St. Louis Cardinals. He was the regular catcher of the Cardinals for six seasons (1956-1961) before being forced to retire at the age of 30 due to a heart condition. In 1957, Hal was hitting .336 shortly before the All-Star break and was selected to the National League All-Star team. In 1959, he was named to the NL All-Star team for the second time. For the 1959 season, Hal hit .270 with 13 home runs. He was known for his great arm, and in both 1959 and 1960; he led the league by throwing out the most runners trying to steal.

**Dr. Doyne Williams** – Having racked up 30 World Championships, Williams is one of the elite trap shooters in the history of this sport. His favorite win was the Senior Veteran Clay Target Championship, which he won with a perfect 200 straight. Ten times he earned a spot on the prestigious ATA All-American Team, being Captain of the Veteran team three of those times. He has won 38 trophies in national competitions, 7 titles in 8-state regional competitions, 101 championships at the Arkansas State Shoot, and 123 championships in state shoot tournaments across the country. He has made the AR State Trapshooting Team a record 34 times and has also been the number 1 shooter in the state in all of the trapshooting disciplines 12 times. A native of Little Rock, Doyne has registered approximately 300,000 competitive targets & was inducted into the Arkansas State Trapshooting Federation's Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2014.

**Nancy Williams** – Doyne's wife and one of the world's top trapshooters,

Nancy won 8 World Championships and earned 13 placements on the prestigious ATA Trapshooting All-American Team (women's category). During a shooting career that spanned 32 years, Nancy won the top AR Ladies Singles title 29 times. In addition, she won an AR State Singles title, a AR State Handicap title, and AR High All-Around and Overall titles, which are significant in that she not only beat all of the ladies at these tournaments but all of the men too! She has 24 wins in national competition, 49 wins in 8-state regional tournaments, 172 wins at AR State Shoots, and 186 wins at other state shoots across the country. 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 and the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2014.

## 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-SWC 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.

**Ray Brown** – A native of Marion, AR Brown is one of the most durable players to ever don a football uniform, Brown spent an unbelievable 20 years in the NFL. 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

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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, Fiscus Dickey 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 U of A. The first Lady Razorback to score more than 1,000 points in her career, Fiscus Dickey took the U of A to the Sweet 16 as a freshman. She's a member of the SWC's All-Decade team and had her number 5 jersey retired.

**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 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, AR Grim 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 SWC 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 Forrest, he won more than 500 games.

**Henry Hawk** – A native of Conway, AR, Hawk was a good all-around athlete, making All-State in both football and basketball. Overall, he earned 17 letters. As an All-America 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. 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 2 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 a career record at Parkview of 487 and 151.

## Class of 2007

**Bobby Crockett** – A native of Dermott, AR Crockett is one of the all-time great receivers in Razorback history and was a first team All-SWC 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, he set a bowl record with 10 receptions and 129 yards. He also scored the Razorbacks only touchdown in the 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).

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

**Sam Goodwin** – A native of Pineville, LA Goodwin was an NAIA All-American at Henderson and was named All-AIC on both offense and defense. He was also chosen to the All-AIC Decade Team. He was an AIC champion in the discus, winning three championships. Professionally, Sam became one of Arkansas' most successful high school coaches at Little Rock Parkview. His teams won state championships in both 1974 and 1976. He also 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.

**Ted Lloyd** – A native of Springhill, KS, Lloyd was a longtime track coach at Harding University in Searcy (1948-1994), where his teams won 39 AIC Championships and 32 NAIA District Championships. He was named AIC/District 17 Coach of the year 40 times. For 15 years Lloyd served on the USA Track and Field Board of Directors 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).

**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 was named All-SWC and All-America. 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.

**William (Willie) Roaf** – A native of Pine Bluff, AR Roaf starred in football



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and basketball for the Zebras. He chose to play football for Louisiana Tech. At Tech he was a first-team All-America offensive tackle in 1992; a finalist for the Outland Trophy and a first-round NFL draft choice. In 2014, he was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. As a professional, Roaf played offensive left tackle for thirteen seasons (9 with the New Orleans Saints and 4 with the Kansas City Chiefs). He was chosen to play in 11 Pro Bowls and was named first-team All-Pro nine times. He was named to the NFL All-Decade team for the 1990's and again for the 2000's. In 2008, Roaf was inducted into the New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame; and in 2012, he was enshrined in the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

**Ray Rodgers** – A native of Shawnee, OK, Rodgers was considered one of the best “cut men” in the boxing 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.

**Rod Smith** – Smith was a high school stand-out at Texarkana AR, making All-State and playing in the Arkansas High School All-Star Game. Playing collegiately at Missouri Southern State University, he was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-America and was a Harlan Hill finalist. Smith was selected as a free agent by Denver in 1994. In 14 seasons he had 8 seasons of at least 1,000 receiving yards. He won two Super Bowls (1997 & 1998) and earned three Pro Bowls. Smith was inducted into the NCAA Division II Hall of Fame (2008), College Football Hall of Fame (2009), and the Broncos Ring of Fame (2012).

**Jermain “Bad Intentions” Taylor** – A native of Little Rock, AR, Taylor took the professional boxing world by storm

in 2005, taking the world middleweight title away from then-world champion Bernard Hopkins. Taylor later defended his title against Hopkins 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 is 33-4-1..

**Tina Webb** – A native of Bryant, AR Webb is the only athlete in Arkansas sports history to be named first team All-America four times, (NAIA All American, Kodak All-America, and American Women's Sports Federation All-America). 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. Webb is a member of the UAM Athletic Hall of Fame, and also played professionally in Japan and Europe.

**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 SWC 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 SWC 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 Americas. He was selected to the U of A Hall of Honor in 1999 and played professionally for the Cleveland Browns and Calgary Stampeders.

**Michael Cage** – A native of West Memphis, AR, 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 by the San Diego Clippers. He 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 in his senior year.

**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.

**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-SWC and All-SEC. 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 many schools coming out of Moss Point, MS, James was an All-State fullback/linebacker. He came to the U of A in the fall of 1967 and was a defensive end starter for the Razorback freshman team. At the end of the season, the Waco News-Tribune named him 2<sup>nd</sup>-Team All-SWC freshman team. He then moved up to the varsity team and was a three-year starter at defensive left end. As a junior, Bruce was named second-team All-SWC. As a senior in 1970, he was named second-team All-SWC by both the AP and the UPI; and was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-SWC by both the Dallas Morning News and by the Waco Tribune-Herald. He was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-America by the Football Writers Association. In 1971 he was named the MVP for the South team in the annual American Bowl All-Star game. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1971.

**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

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BassMasters Classics,” “Wal-Mart FLW Tour,” “Iditarod Sled Dog Race,” “Spanish Fly,” “Madfin Shark Series,” “STIHL Timbersports,” and many more events for ESPN.

**Cal Partee Sr.** – A native of Stephens, AR 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 Alemont.

**Galen Pitts** – A native of Mountain Home, AR Pitts was the shortstop for the Arkansas Travelers and played in the Texas League All-Star game. He spent 8 seasons in triple A play. He made his major league debut in May of 1974 as a member of the Oakland A’s. Pitts later became a coach with Louisville (AAA), then moved up to manage Class A Springfield. 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.

**John Prock** – A native of Hollis, OK, Prock spent 24 years as the head football coach at Harding University. During his reign with the Bison, he racked up a school record 114 victories, and his 1976 and 1992 teams won the AIC championship. Prock’s 1972 team ended the season ranked 6<sup>th</sup> nationally in the NAIA and played in the Cowboy Bowl. Overall, he produced 63 All-AIC players and 14 All-Americans. Four-times he was named District 17 “Coach of the Year”. He 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.

**Tracy Webb Rice** – A Batesville, AR native, Webb Rice was named “Player of the Year” by the Arkansas Democrat and the AP. Playing on 2 state championship teams, she was named to the Gazette’s Super Team, averaging 22.5 points, 8.6 rebounds, and 6 assists her senior season. She scored a career 1,691 points and was named state tournament MVP. As a Lady Razorback true point guard, she gained All-SWC status, 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.

**Jon Richardson** – A talented running back at Little Rock’s Horace Mann High School, Richardson broke the color barrier at the U of A, 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. Twice he led the Razorbacks in kickoff returns. His sophomore and senior seasons he averaged 22.3 yards per return.

**Tommy Tuberville** – A native of Camden Harmony Grove, AR, Tuberville was a 3-sport star. He broke into college coaching as a graduate assistant with Larry Laceywell at ASU. 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.

## Class of 2009

**Martine Bercher** – A native of Ft. Smith, AR, Bercher was an All-SWC and All-America 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 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. He is a member of the U of A All-Century team and is a Razorback Hall of Honor inductee.

**Walt Coleman III** – 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 NFL, 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** – A native of Des Arc, Greer was widely considered the preeminent female basketball player in the United States in the late 1940’s and early 50’s. 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-America AAU honors. Cook’s Goldblumes won the national championship in 1948 and 49. In 1952, she played for Hanes Hosiery, and they too won the national title. This team 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. In 1955 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, AR, Richardson 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. 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. He was voted Arkansas track “Coach of the Year” 12

times. He is an inductee of the Arkansas Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the UCA Hall of Fame.

**Jerry Rook** – A standout at Nettleton, ARI, Rook set Arkansas State records for most field goals, most free throws, and the school’s top scoring average. Rook was a first team All-America 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 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, AR Saylor became the most prolific scorer in Arkansas Tech history. Playing for the Wonder Boys (1959-63), Kenny was a scoring machine, becoming Tech’s all-time scoring leader with 2,470 points. He was named All-AIC 4 times. During Saylor’s 4-year career at Tech, the Wonder Boys had a 79 - 25 overall record and won 3 AIC titles. He led ATU 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. 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** – A native of Mulberry, KS, 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 in the junior ranks, he 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. He then hit St. Louis, where he recorded an overall record of 122-90, taking the Bilikens to 3 NCAA’s and one NIT. While at St. Louis Charlie was named national “Coach of the Year” by the United States Basketball

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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** – Thielemann was a four-year starter in the offensive line for the Razorbacks. As a junior in 1975, he was 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-SWC guard. As a senior in 1976, he moved to center and repeated as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-SWC and was also named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-America by the NEA. He was named to the U of A's All-Decade and All-Century teams. Thielemann played offensive guard for 12 seasons in the NFL. With the Atlanta Falcons in 1977, he was named to the NFL All-Rookie team; and in 1982 he was named first-team All-Pro. He was a three-time Pro Bowler. After eight seasons with the Falcons, R.C. played his last four seasons with the Redskins. In January of 1988, he was the starting right guard for the Redskins when they won Super Bowl XXII. He is an inductee of the U of A Sports Hall of Honor.

**Jarrell Williams** – A the U of A, Williams played both football and baseball (1959-61). Williams 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 and won state championships in 1968, 69, 82, & 89, with an overall record of 261 – 132 – 5. 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 U of A Sports Hall of Honor, and Springdale’s stadium is named after him.

**Corliss (Big Nasty) Williamson** – A native of Russellville, AR Williams was one of the best players in Razorback basketball history, Williamson 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-America, a 3-time All-SEC selection, and twice he was SEC “Player of the

Year”. 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.

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**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 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. 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.

**Nelson Catalina** – Catalina’s basketball teams at Turrell High School 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.

**Alene Crabtree** – Crabtree coached girls’ basketball at Alma for five decades. 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.

**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

**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.

**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 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.

**Leotis Harris** – A native of Little Rock, Harris was an All-State fullback for Hall High. As a senior, in 1973, he was chosen to the “Parade” All-America team as a defensive lineman. As a Razorback he was converted to an offensive guard. In 1977, he was the outstanding offensive lineman in the SWC and a consensus first-team All-America. Harris was named to the Razorbacks All-Century team and the All-Decade team for the 1970’s. In 2014, he was inducted into the SWC Hall of Fame. After his Razorback career, he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers and spent six seasons as the starting right guard on the offensive line for the Packers.

**Leslie O’Neal** – A native of Little Rock, 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-America 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 teams went 285 – 140. Prior 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.

**Scotty Thurman** – Thurman hit the most memorable shot in Razorback basketball history when his three-point, high-arching shot in the closing seconds of the game propelled Arkansas to a huge upset victory over Duke in the 1994 national championship game. At Arkansas, 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.

## Class of 2011

**Calvin Borel** – This world-class thoroughbred jockey first captured the riding title at Oaklawn in 1995 and was 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. 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.

**Dick Bumpas** – Bumpas played high school football for Fort Smith Southside. In 1966 he was named to



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the Arkansas Gazette's Super Team. In 1967, he was a starter as an offensive guard for the Razorback freshman team. As a varsity player, he moved over to defense and was a three-year starter at right tackle for the Razorbacks. As a senior, in 1970, Dick was a unanimous first-team All-SWC selection and received the Houston Post MVP Award as the outstanding lineman in the conference. He was named first-team All-America by both the AP and the NEA. He has been inducted into the SWC Hall of Fame and U of A Sports Hall of Honor. After playing professional football in both the World Football League and the Canadian Football League, he returned to coaching.

**Jerry Carlton** – This Sheridan native starred in both basketball and baseball at the U of A 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. He earned All-SWC honors in basketball (1961 and 1962) and was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor in 2004.

**Ben Cowins** – Cowins was one of just 10 Arkansas players to earn All-SWC 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 SWC 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.

**Bill "Sleepy" Curtis** – Marianna native, Curtis was an All-AIC 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.

**Quinn Grovey** – Grovey led the Razorbacks to back-to-back SWC titles in 1988 and 1989. This Duncan, OK 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 the University of Houston. Grovey was named to the school's All-Century team and was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor in 2001.

**Cliff Horton** – After lettering for three seasons in basketball helping lead the Razorbacks to the SWC 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.

**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 U of A. He was later chosen in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the 2000 draft by the Montreal Expos. His big-league debut came in 2002 at Cleveland. 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.

**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.

**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** – Known as the "Father of the Bass Boat", Wood is a member of the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, the National 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 in 1969 to over 1,200 boats a year in 1970. Wood was appointed to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in 1998.

## Class of 2012

**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 was named the

tournament's MVP, 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.

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

**Alonzo "Lonnie" Clayton** – He has the distinction of being one of only two 15-year-olds to ever win 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 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.

**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 SAUa and compiled some incredible statistics: her teams won 8 AWISA 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 AAU 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

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Committee. Downing was inducted into the NAIA National Hall of Fame in 1987.

**Bob Ford** – A native of Wynne, AR, Ford played on his hometown's first state championship team in the fall of 1950. From there he was off to Memphis State where he was voted the team's MVP in 1954. He had a passion for coaching and started as a graduate assistant for Bear Bryant at Alabama 1950-60. From there, he worked at Georgia, Kentucky, and MS State. In the late 1960's Ford enrolled in law school at the U of A, where Frank Broyles allowed him to coach the freshman team and scout opponents to support his family. He ended up with a career being a scout for Tom Landry's Dallas Cowboys.

**Harry Jones** – A native of Enid, OK, Jones enrolled at the U of A in 1963. After playing for the freshman team, he became a three-year starter. He was the starting safety for the 1964 national championship Razorback team, intercepted two passes that season, and returned both for touchdowns. He moved to offense in 1965 and had the highest rushing average in the nation. He was a unanimous All-SWC choice and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> All-America. Harry was pictured on the cover of the November 1965 cover of Sports Illustrated. Though hampered by injuries his senior year, he repeated as a 2<sup>nd</sup> All-America wingback and was a first-round draft choice of the Philadelphia Eagles. He played four seasons with the Eagles before injuries ended his NFL career.

**Pat Jones** – Having worked his way up the ranks from junior high coach at Little Rock's Forest Heights, Jones had an illustrious coaching career. As head coach at Oklahoma State, his first team went 10-2, 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 he 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 also coached on Frank Broyles' staff and alongside Jimmy Johnson and the Miami Dolphins, helping them make the playoffs 6 times. In 2011, he

was inducted into the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame.

**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, 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 in 1994.

**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.

**Lee Mayberry** – A native of Tulsa, OK, Mayberry was a four year starter (1988-91) for Nolan Richardson's Razorbacks. Three times he was all-conference – twice in the SWC and once in the SEC. He led the Hogs to three SWC titles and one SEC West championship. During Lee's tenure, he teamed up with teammate Todd 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. Mayberry is an inductee of the UA Sports Hall of Honor.

**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 in the NCAA regional 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" and they 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.

**Terry Wallace** – For 37 years he was "The Voice of Oaklawn Park". Wallace 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. Wallace 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.

## Class of 2013

**Marcus Brown** – As a high school basketball player, Brown led West Memphis to the 1991 Class AAAA state championship and the overall championship. Brown became Murray State's third all-time leading scorer with 2,236 points. 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, ending as the all-time leading scorer and winning five MVP awards.

**Jeremy Jacobs** – The owner of Southland Park in West Memphis, Jacobs was among the nation's top business leaders. He owned the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League. Southland Park had 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 operated more than 50 professional sports venues around the world.

**Stacy Lewis** – Lewis, a former Razorback golf star, 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 SEC Championships in 2005 and 2008. She would go on to play in the LPGA, where 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 was named the 2013 Player of the Year for the LPGA by the Golf Writers Association of America.

**Frank O'Mara** – A Razorback 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-America and SWC 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 won 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.

**Don Nixon** – Nixon had a stellar basketball coaching career at Pulaski Robinson High School, Mabelvale High School, Little Rock Central High School, and the UCA. He graduated

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from Arkansas State Teachers College in 1951. 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. Nixon coached the boys' team at Little Rock Central (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 AIC golf champion while playing at Arkansas Tech. 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, helping to revive UALR's men's golf program, which had been dropped in the 1980's. He also started 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.

**Sonja Tate** – Tate is one of the best basketball players to ever wear an ASU uniform. She played at ASU from 1989-93. and remains the career scoring leader at ASU with 2,312 points. 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** – Barnes grew up playing basketball in Tuckerman, AR. 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. He 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** – A Florida native, Bazzel 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 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. Bazzel created the Broyles Award, Battle for the Boot award, Cliff Harris Award, Dan Hampton Award, the Willie Road Award and founded the LR Touchdown He is the current co-host of The Show with No Name on KABZ radio.

**Gary Blair** – Blair'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 Arkansas. He later coached at 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** – Campbell was the head basketball coach at Corning High, where he compiled a 80-28-2 record. He then became the head

coach at Sheridan, where he finished with a 30-24-1 record. His last stop at coaching was at Wynne (147-46-3). He won 8 district championships, appeared in 16 playoffs, and won the 2001 & 2004 state championships. Campbell 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 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-America 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** – Coaching at West Fork High School, 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 Southwest 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 basketball history by a wide margin. From 1968-1971, Fuller scored 4,896 points at ASD. During one game alone, against Leola, Fuller 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 Arkansas 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-America selection. She made the Kodak All-America Team in 1994. She was the MVP of the 1993 NAIA National Tournament. 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** – Stephens was a standout athlete at Conway, playing offense & defense on football and earning NAIA track All-America status twice. His only 2 losses in track were runner up finishes in the NAIA national high hurdles. He 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. His record as head coach at UCA was 67-35-6. He was inducted into the UCA Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and the AR Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2007.

**Harry Vines** – Vines 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, AR starring in football and basketball. He played for



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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 U of A Sports Hall of Honor and the University of Arkansas All-Century Team.

## Class of 2015

**The 1970 Arkansas State University Indians Football Team** – This team went 11-0 while beating Wichita State, SE Louisiana, The Citadel, Trinity, Louisiana Tech, Abilene Christian, Lamar, North Dakota, UTA, Southern Illinois, and Central Missouri State in the Pecan Bowl to claim a national championship by AP, UPI, and the Washington Touchdown Club. This team had 5 Small College All Americas (Wayne Dorton, Calvin Harrell, Dennis Meyer, Bill Phillips, and Doug Lowrey. Eight players were drafted, including the above 5 players plus Steve Lockhart, James Hamilton, and Chet Douthit. ASU dominated the All-Southland Conference, with 23 players making the first team and honorable-mention team.

**Dwight Adams** – Adams was an outstanding all-around athlete in college, earning multiple letters in both football and track, and being named All-AIC in 1956 and 1957. He began his coaching career at Bearden, Smackover, El Dorado, Pine Bluff, and LaGrange, LA. He soon joined the college ranks coaching at the Citadel, Clemson, and Florida, helping to develop 13 All-Americans and 22 NFL-bound players. At Florida, his special teams were ranked #1 in the nation in 1983 and 1984. In 1985, Adams moved to the NFL, taking a position on the San Diego Chargers' scouting staff. He was there for six years before going to the Buffalo Bills as VP of Player Personnel.

**Pat Bradley** – Bradley played basketball for the Razorbacks 1995-1999. He made 366 three-point field goals during his career, an SEC record that stood until 2014. At one point, Bradley made a three-pointer in an SEC-record 60 consecutive games during his career. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grader

back home in Everett, MA, Pat averaged 46 ppg. When playing on the AAU circuit, Arkansas Head Coach Nolan Richardson recruited him. Pat was a 4-year letterman for AR, earning All-SEC honors in both 1998 and 1999. He is 5<sup>th</sup> in career points at AR with 1,765 and led the hogs in scoring for 3 consecutive years. He was the nation's top three-point leader in 1997-98 and 1998-99 and ranks 1<sup>st</sup> all-time at AR in three-pointers made (366) and attempted (915). He was inducted into the U o A Sports Hall of Honor in 2014.

**Ron Calcagni** – Calcagni grew up in Ohio and was highly recruited to come to AR by Coach Bo Rein, where he finished with a 25-4-2 record, the best winning percentage of any Razorback QB as a starter. The win that stands out is the 1978 Orange Bowl, when Arkansas took on #2 ranked and heavily favored Oklahoma. Arkansas had gone 10-1 that season. Oklahoma still had a shot at the national championship and featured a lineup loaded with All-Americans. A Coach Holtz had suspended 4 offensive starters just prior to that game. The Las Vegas point spread surged to as high as 24 points, with the Hogs listed as severe underdogs. Calcagni gave OK a clinic on how to win a football game, leading the Razorbacks to a 31-6 victory, one of the biggest upsets and wins in college football history.

**Leon Clements** – Ouachita Baptist Coach Bill Vining saw Clements, who was 6-6 and only 170 pounds, play only once for Kingsland High School, but Vining had a hunch he would be a really great player. Clements gained weight and strength and averaged 12.7 ppg as a freshman, 17.4 ppg as a sophomore, 25.1 ppg as a junior, and 26.5 ppg as a senior. In the 1965 national tournament, he averaged 28.3 points per game. Clements was named All-AIC for 3 consecutive years. OBU won the AIC Championship in his sophomore and junior seasons and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament during his freshman, junior and senior seasons. Clements' 2,265 career points and 964 points in his senior season remain OBU records. He held 10 AIC records when the league disbanded in the 1990's. He finished his career with 1,335 rebounds for an 11.0 average. Clements was selected by the Cincinnati Royals in the 1957 NBA

Draft and was inducted into the OBU Hall of Fame in 2003.

**Jack Fleck** – After military service, Fleck made his home in Ft. Smith, AR, and began playing golf full-time on the PGA Tour starting in 1955. At the U.S. Open that same year, Fleck needed a birdie on the last hole to get into a tie with the tournament's champ, Ben Hogan. Fleck hit a good drive, hit a 7-iron to within 7 feet of the cup, and drained that birdie putt to force a playoff with Ben the next day. After going back and forth with the lead, Fleck eventually won the 18-hole playoff, one of the greatest U.S. Open wins in history. Jack also won the 1960 Phoenix Open, the 1961 Bakersfield Open, the 1979 PGA Senior Championship, and the 1995 Legends of Golf Tournament.

**Eldon Hawley** – Hawley was a three-year letterman in four sports in high school, a multi-year letterman in college football, and a coach and administrator for over 40 years. At UCA, he earned seven letters - four in football and three in track. He was the NAIA half-mile champion, a two-time AIC half-mile champion, and was second team All-AIC in football. Hawley's coaching career began at Wynne in 1960. He also coached at Texas Tech, New Mexico Military Academy, North Little Rock High School, New Mexico, Southern Arkansas, Arkansas State University, Oklahoma State, and Arkansas Tech. He became Auburn's Assistant AD and was also Director of Football Operations at both Ole Miss and Auburn. He was inducted into the UCA Hall of Fame in 2008.

**Carl Jackson** – Jackson grew up in a rural community near Augusta, AR. His home was located near the Augusta Country Club. He was one of nine children and would walk past the course and look through the fence. At age 11, he followed a friend inside the club and thus began his interest in being a caddie. Two years later, Augusta National asked Jackson if he would like to be a caddie, and he quickly became one of the club's best. At the age of 14, he carried Billy Burke's bag in the 1961 Masters. Over a 51-year stretch, Carl missed only one Masters Tournament. Carl developed great relationships with golfing great Ben Crenshaw and Jack Stephens, Chairman of the Board of Augusta National. In 1973, Carl

moved to Little Rock to work for Stephens. When Warren Stephens opened The Alotian Club in 2003, Carl became its first caddie master.

**Stephen Jones** – Jones grew up in Little Rock and was a three-year starter at quarterback for Little Rock Catholic. He played for the U of A and was a four-year letterman as a linebacker and special teams' player. When his father, Jerry Jones, bought the Dallas Cowboys, Stephen became a vice president of the organization. Within a 2-year period the Cowboys went from a 1-15 team to a team winning Super Bowls in the 1990's. Stephen played a key role in the Cowboys being able to obtain the talent needed (Aikman, Smith, Johnston, Irvin, etc.). Jones serves as the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President, and the Director of Player Personnel for the Cowboys. Jones is also considered a top expert in salary cap and contract issues between football players and owners.

**Stan Lee** – Lee has been a success on the golf course at just about every level possible – 5 high school state championships, 8 state amateur championships, 6 ASGA Senior Amateur Championships, and 6 ASGA Four Ball titles with his brother, Louis. At age 17, he became the youngest ever to win the ASGA Match Play Championship. Lee was a two time All-SEC and All-America selection at LSU and made NAIA All-American at UCA. Lee turned pro and won his first event in 1975 at Plantation, FL. He played on the PGA Tour from 1976 to 1980. In 2007, he reached the pinnacle of his career with a victory at the USGA Senior Amateur tournament. He was named the State Player of the Year in 2001 and the Senior Player of the Year in 2009, 2010, and 2011. He was inducted into the ASGA Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Senior Amateur Hall of Fame in 2011.

**Mike Malham, Jr.** – Malham began his college playing career at Arkansas State, first as a tight end and later as a linebacker. He led the team in tackles in 1973, '74, '75. ASU finished 11-0 and was crowned Southland Conference champions. Malham was named 1<sup>st</sup> All-Southland Conference in 1974 and 1975, was a 2<sup>nd</sup> team Academic All-America in 1973. He then began his high school coaching

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career. He was named the head coach at Cabot in 1981 and remained there until his retirement. His 34-year tenure at Cabot running the Wing T has resulted in 274 wins – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Arkansas high school record book. He has won 2 state championships and 14 conference championships at Cabot, was named Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2013, was elected to the ASU Athletic Hall of Honor in 2001, and was also selected to ASU's All Centennial team.

**Christy Smith** – Growing up in Indiana, Smith played basketball for the Lady Razorbacks. She helped Arkansas advance to the 1998 NCAA Women's Final Four. As a freshman, Smith led the national in free throw percentage (89.9%) as she averaged 13.6 ppg, had 133 assists, and was named the SEC's Freshman of the year in 1995. Smith tore her ACL in her sophomore year but came back strong in her junior and senior years. Smith was a four-time honorable mention All-America, named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll three times, named All-SEC as a senior, and was a three-time captain for the Lady Razorbacks. Christy was also a gold medalist at the World University Games and played in the WNBA for two seasons. She was inducted in the U of A Sports Hall of Honor in 2005.

**Bowden Wyatt** – After the Arkansas Razorbacks went 9-21 over 3 seasons, Wyatt was hired in 1953 to rebuild the program. He came to Arkansas from Wyoming, where had amassed a 39-17-1 record and won the Mountain States Conference twice. Bowden went 3-7 in his first season at Arkansas before a miraculous turnaround in 1954. Bowden's "25 Little Pigs" were not big in physical stature or numbers but were big in determination and discipline. This helped them go 8-3, win the SWC championship, and outscore all of their opponents 195-104. The Razorbacks went from a statewide team to part of the national conversation. Wyatt was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1972.

## Class of 2016

**The 1992 and 1993 Arkansas Tech University Women's Basketball Teams** – During these 2 national championship seasons, the Golden Suns had a combined won-loss record

of 66-6. The 1992 championship season was a nearly perfect run as they went 35-1. The ATU ladies dominated the NAIA and set attendance records. The 1993 team finished 31-5. At the NAIA National Tournament, this team broke their own attendance records, and a last-second shot by Carin Pinion secured the back-to-back national championship. Strack, Pinion, and Dawn Grell earned All-Tournament honors; Strack and Setliff earned All-American honors, Foley gathered his 2<sup>nd</sup> coach of the year award, and Strack was named the NAIA National Tournament's MVP.

**A.J. Burnett** – Drafted by the Mets in his senior year of high school, Burnett thrived in the minors, and in 1999 was quickly called up to play for the Marlins. He became a dominating pitcher, leading the Marlins in every pitching category. At the start of 2003, A.J. underwent the Tommy John surgery but came back even stronger, adding a wicked change-up to his arsenal of fastballs and curveballs. In all, A.J. was a star pitcher for the Florida Marlins, Toronto Blue Jays, NY Yankees, Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Philadelphia Phillies. He started 425 out of the 430 games he played in, amassing a 3.99 ERA over a span of 17 years in the pros. Among active pitchers, A.J. ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in strikeouts with an impressive total of 2,484.

**Bill Davis** – A native of Fayetteville, AR, Davis formed a friendship with Mark Martin and cultivated a great love for racing. Bill formed Bill Davis Racing in 1987 and turned it into one of the greatest names in racing. The Sprint Cup car numbers he was associated with were the #22, #23, #27, #36, and the #93 cars. His Truck Series numbers were #5, #22, #23, #24, and the #93 trucks. Racing legends Mark Martin, Jeff Gordon, Dave Blaney, Johnny Benson, Ward Burton, Scott Wimmer, Michael Waltrip, Mike Skinner, Jacques Villeneuve, Bill Lester, and Jeremy Mayfield all were drivers for Bill during his long and successful NASCAR years. Bill Davis Racing had over 40 major wins and 383 top ten finishes. Bill's team won such events as the Southern 500 in 2001; the Daytona 500 in 2002; and the NASCAR Truck Series Championship in 2008.

**Paula Juels Jones** – Juel Jones won 4 consecutive individual high school state tennis championships for NLR's

Northeast High, compiling a record of 61-0 and being named a High School Tennis All-America. At Tennessee, she accumulated 142 wins in 4 seasons in singles and doubles competition, while playing in the number one singles and doubles positions for UT. She was named the UT's women's tennis player of the year in 1994. After college, she played professional tennis in the Women's Pro Satellite. In 2006, she started playing in the senior women's age group, finishing the year as the #1 ranked player in the South. She won a USTA National Championship in mixed doubles, led her team to 3 National Intersectional Championships for women's 35's, and to 3 USTA League Championships in 5.0, 10.0 mixed doubles, and the Women's Open. She finished in the top 8 at the 2012 ITA World Championships in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. She was inducted into the Arkansas Tennis Hall of Fame in 2007.

**Greg Koch** – A native of Houston, TX, Koch became a three-year starter in the offensive line for the Razorbacks. He led the team to win a SWC co-championship and the 1976 Cotton Bowl. He was named 2<sup>nd</sup> All-SWC in both 1975 and 1976 and was named to the U of A's All-Decade team for the 1970's. Koch was drafted by the Green Bay Packers and moved into the starting lineup during his rookie season. For the following eight seasons 1977-1985, he was the right tackle for the Packers and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Pro in 1982. He wound up his NFL career as the right tackle for the Dolphins in 1986 and the Vikings in 1987. Greg was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 2010.

**Almer Lee** – Playing high school basketball at Ft. Smith Northside, Lee led his team to the state championship in 1968, was named the MVP of the state tournament, and was named to the Scholastic Coach Magazine's high school All-America team. He attended Phillips County Junior College during the 1968-69 season, averaging 25.5 points per game, and was named the outstanding player in the regional junior college tourney. Almer joined the Razorbacks for the 1969-70 season, becoming the first African American to letter in basketball, while also leading the team in scoring. The Dallas Morning News named him 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-SWC and sophomore of the year. As a junior, he again led his

team in scoring and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-SWC by both the AP and the UPI. His college career ended with a severe knee injury in the fifth game of his senior season.

**Barry Lunney, Sr.** – A Ft. Smith native, Lunney first coached at Vian, OK before landing a job at Greenwood. He next coached at Ft. Smith Southside and became a head coach for the first time at Beebe in 1987. Within 2 years, he was hired as head coach back at Ft. Smith Southside. Overall, Lunney ended up going 136-50-1 at Southside, in one of the state's toughest divisions. Bentonville hired Lunney in 2005, and Lunney coached those teams to a 97-25 record and a state championship. He has 17 conference championships 8 state championships.

**Fred Marshall** – Marshall was a three-year football letterman for the Razorbacks. In the final game of the 1963 season, he quarterbacked Arkansas to a victory over Texas Tech in a game that started a 22-game winning streak. As a senior in 1964, he led the Razorbacks to an 11-0 record and the national championship. He was a unanimous choice as the All-SWC quarterback and named to the SWC All-Academic team. Fred won the Crip Hall Award as the outstanding senior in the Homecoming game and was the offensive MVP of the 1965 Cotton Bowl game. Marshall was the recipient of the 1964 Houston Post Award as the most valuable back in the Southwest Conference. In 2016, Marshall was inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

**Pete Mead** – Mead's first boxing match was in 1939 – he was only 15 years old and weight 135 pounds. He lost that first fight but went on to win a string of 68 amateur fights without a loss. Pete became a pro, winning the Lightweight Michigan Title, joined the army and fought 31 fights there, then began a pro career again in 1945 in NY, fighting such champs as Zivic, Turpin, Sands, Marciano, Kronowitz, Dempsey, Louis, and Graziano. His most notable fight was a win against Joey DeJohn, dubbed by experts as one of the greatest bouts ever. He had a pro career record of 44-16-1 in 61 bouts (444 rounds).

**Bryce Molder** – In spite of being born with a severe syndrome – Poland Syndrome (no left pectoral muscle and

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a much smaller left hand), Molder became a star golfer at Conway High and went to Georgia Tech on a golf scholarship. At Georgia Tech, he was named Academic All-America twice and 1<sup>st</sup> Team NCAA All-America all 4 years he was there. He won named ACC Rookie of the Year, ACC Player of the year (3 times), National Player of the Year, National Golfer of the Year by multiple sources. He was Low Amateur at the 2001 US Open and turned pro that same year. Bryce has played 239 events, scoring 60 Top-25 finishes and 24 Top-10 finishes, along with a major Tour win in 2011.

**Niall O'Shaughnessy** – A highly decorated runner in Ireland, O'Shaughnessy was a highly recruited runner by John McDonnell at the U of A. In 1974, Niall earned his first SWC Indoor Championship gold medal in the 880. He also earned the first of 7 All-American placements in both cross country and indoor and outdoor track – he could run races from the 880 to the 10,000 with ease. His indoor mile of 3:55:40 is still an Arkansas record. His 1,000-meter time of 2:04.50 is still an NCAA record. Niall represented Ireland in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

**Bill Phillips** – A native of Harrison, AR, Phillips played all sports for Harrison and played college football for Arkansas State (ASU). As a sophomore (1969) and junior (1970), he was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Southland Conference as an offensive guard. Also in 1970, he was named as an offensive guard on the Small College All-America 1<sup>st</sup> Team. As a senior, he was moved to linebacker but suffered a broken ankle in the opening game of the 1971 season. He was one of 67 players named to the Southland Conference's All-Decade team for the 1970's, was chosen as an offensive guard on Arkansas State's All-Centennial team and in 2003 and was named to ASU's Ring of Honor. He played in the 1972 All-American game and was drafted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round by the Denver Broncos.

## Class of 2017

**Charlie Dearman** – Born in Warren, AR, Dearman was a multi-sport athlete. He played offensive guard, fullback, and defensive noseman, becoming a two-time All-District and All-State selection. Dearman was recruited heavily by many colleges but

stayed close to home, becoming a star at UAM. Dearman played both offense and defense. Dearman was a two-time All-AIC selection and was named to both the NAIA and AP Little All-America teams following his senior season in 1957. He was the first player in any sport in UAM history to be named All-America. His UAM team won 3 AIC championships (1955-1958). Dearman was inducted into the UAM Hall of Fame in 2004.

**Wally Hall** – A native of Searcy, AR, Hall began his writing career at the Arkansas Gazette. In 1975, Wally became a sportswriter for UPI in New York. In 1979, he became the Arkansas Democrat's sports columnist and then Sports Editor in 1981. The Arkansas Democrat was engaging in a newspaper war with the Arkansas Gazette. The newspaper war ended when the Gazette sold to the Democrat (1991). Hall became a columnist and Managing Editor for Sports for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He has attended 32 consecutive NCAA Tournaments and Final Fours. Hall has won almost every state and regional writing award that exists for journalists – over 200 awards and trophies. He has been President of the Football Writers Association of America, an officer and board member of the United States Basketball Writers Association, inducted into the Arkansas Sportswriters and Broadcasters Hall of Fame, and is an inaugural inductee into the Arkansas Softball Hall of Fame.

**Larry Jackson** – Raised in Hot Springs, AR, Jackson lettered for the Razorbacks in 1976, 1977, and 1978. The 1977 Hogs had the #1 defense in the nation – holding their opponents to an average of only 8.4 points per game – and compiled a 10-1 record going into the 1978 Orange Bowl. A ferocious defense led by Dan Hampton and Larry Jackson helped Arkansas win the Orange Bowl, and they wound up #3 in the final AP poll. Jackson's 1978 team went 9-2-1 and ended up ranked 11th in the nation in the final polls. Jackson was voted All-SWC and nearly every time that Arkansas played on ABC TV, he was named the Chevrolet Defensive Player of the Game. Jackson died tragically when he was struck by lightning while swimming in the Bahamas in 2010.

**Charlotte Jones** – Jones, Dallas Cowboys Executive Vice President and Chief Brand Officer, has overseen all strategies surrounding the team's brand, becoming one of the most innovative and versatile executives in professional sports. Her vision and direction have guided the Cowboys in brand marketing, fan engagement, stadium design, entertainment, licensed apparel, and community relations. Jones played a prominent role in shaping the design and overall presentation of AT&T Stadium. She also contributed to the design of The Star - the new Dallas Cowboys World Headquarters, training facility, and event in Frisco, Texas. In 2012, Charlotte was named Chairman of the NFL Foundation, the first woman to serve in this capacity. In 2014, she was appointed to the first NFL Conduct Committee and has also served as the President of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. She also serves as President of the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Foundation and the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Arlington Youth Foundation.

**Dr. Tim Langford** – Raised in Searcy, AR, Langford played football, basketball, and golf and was All-Conference in basketball and track for the Lions. While playing football at ASU, Tim started thirty-one games for the ASU Indians from 1980 to 1983. He was named All-Southland Conference in 1983, Academic All-Southland Conference (SLC) in 1980, 1981, and 1983 and was named the ASU Homecoming MVP in 1980. following his college graduation - magna cum laude - from ASU, he won a major National Football Foundation scholarship in 1984. Tim was named a Sun Belt Conference Distinguished Alumnus in 2006 and was inducted into the ASU Ring of Honor in 2008.

**Darren McFadden** – A native of Little Rock, AR, McFadden played high school football for Oak Grove. In 2004, he was the only Arkansan named to the "Parade" All-America team. He played for the Razorbacks for three years and became the most decorated running back in Razorback history. In 2005, he was 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-SEC, SEC Freshman of the Year, and a 1<sup>st</sup> Team Freshman All-America. In 2006, he was the SEC Offensive Player of the Year, repeated as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-SEC, first sophomore in history to win the Doak Walker Award, received the Jim Brown Trophy, was a

unanimous 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-America, and was runner-up in the voting for the Heisman Trophy. As a junior in 2007, he was again All-SEC; repeated as the winner of the SEC Offensive Player of the Year Award, the Doak Walker Award, and the Jim Brown Trophy, repeated as a unanimous 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-America running back and the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy, the nation's Player of the Year by both "The Sporting News" and the Walter Camp Foundation. He played 10 seasons in the NFL (7 with the Oakland Raiders and 3 with the Dallas Cowboys).

**Jim Rasco** – A native of DeWitt, AR, Rasco was a four-sport star athlete. He attended Hendrix College on a basketball scholarship but also starred in track, setting a meet record as a freshman in the 880 in 1960, while picking up the gold medal in the annual Harding Relays. He also won five medals in a series of AAU Olympic Development track meets. Jim started playing tennis after college, and in 1975 he won the men's singles tournament at John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona. During the 1970s and 1980s, he won over fifty men's doubles and mixed doubles tournaments. Jim served on the Hendrix College Sports Hall of Honor Board and as its Historian; and in 2006, they inducted him into their Hendrix College Sports Hall of Honor. In 2005, Jim received an award for his "extraordinary work" in sports research from A.H. "Bud" Selig, the Commissioner of Baseball.

**Dr. Sean Rochelle** – A native of Elkins, AR, Rochelle was a gifted athlete who played college ball at UAM and quarterbacked the team to a 10-2 season in 1988 and a trip to the quarterfinals of the NAIA Division I playoffs. In 1988, he was named the AIC Co-Offensive Player of the Year, GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America in 1988, and was a two-time, 1<sup>st</sup> Team NAIA Academic All-America in 1987 and 1988. He became Director of Development of the Women's Athletics Department and was hired as the Executive Director of the Razorback Foundation in 2013. Sean was inducted into the UAM Hall of Fame in 2006 and was recognized with the UAM Alumni Award for Achievement and Merit in 2010.

**Dave Williams** – A native of Ft. Smith, AR, Williams played football at UAM.



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Williams played 1961-1962 and 1966-1968 helping his team get to the Space City Classic Bowl in 1966. He became Blytheville's offensive coordinator 1968-1970 and head football coach 1971-1978. He became the head football coach and head track coach at Carlisle 1978 to 1981, then became head football coach and athletic director at Pocahontas 1981-2013. His Pocahontas football teams went 206-143-3 and won the District Championships 9 times. He was voted "Coach of the Year" 9 times and was named coach for Arkansas' All-Star games in 1989, 1993, 1997, and 2007. Dave was inducted into the Van Buren Hall of Honor in 2014 and the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 2015. When Pocahontas built their newest athletic facility in 2000, it was named the Marcus Van Camp/George David Williams Athletic Complex.

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**Shawn Andrews** – This Camden, AR native was named All-America by *Parade* magazine, *USA Today*, and the *Prep Football Report*. He played football for the Razorbacks, starting as a freshman and earning consensus All-America honors in 2001 and unanimous All-America honors in 2003. He also was a 2-time, 1<sup>st</sup> Team, All-SEC selection in 2002 and 2003 and was a finalist for the Lombardi Award and the Outland Trophy. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles (1<sup>st</sup> round, 16<sup>th</sup> pick), missed the first season due to a broken leg, but came back to start for the Eagles, where he was named as an alternate for the 2005 Pro-Bowl and earned spots on the 2006 and 2007 Pro-Bowl teams. He was named first team All-Pro by the AP and the *Sporting News* magazine. The Eagles named Shawn to their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team, and the SEC named him to their Football Legends Class.

**Jerry Eckwood** – This highly-recruited football player from Brinkley, AR lettered at the U of A from 1975 to 1978. As a freshman, Jerry had 792 yards on 104 carries – a 7.62 average which became U of A and SWC records and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation. He ended up with six 100-yard games, 1,882 rushing yards on 336 attempts, 14 TD's, and 18 pass receptions. He was drafted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round by Tampa Bay and become their second leading rusher (690 yards on 194 carries) in

1979. In 1980, he was Tampa Bay's second leading rusher (504 yds.) and second leading receiver (475 yds on 47 receptions.). In 1981, he was first in rushing with 651 yds. on 172 carries.

**Oliver Elders** – A native of DeWitt, Elders obtained his BS degree from Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College (UAPB). After college, he earned a spot on the Harlem Magicians, similar in fashion to the Harlem Globetrotters. After a stint in the army, he coached at Immanuel High School in Almyra (1957-68) and at Horace Mann High School (1958-1971). Elders was the head coach at Hall High, becoming the first African American coach to be hired by an integrated Little Rock school system. He coached many greats, including Sidney Moncrief. He accumulated a 656-305 record, which was the best in history at the time of his retirement. His teams won 4 state championships, 2 overall championships, and 8 conference championships. He was named "Coach of the Year" in 1983 and served that same year as head coach of the East squad in the High School All-Star game. He was selected "Coach of the Decade" by the AR Sportswriters Association, was inducted into the AR High School Coaches HOF in 1997, National High School Coaches HOF in 1999, and AR AM & N (UAPB) Hall of Fame in 2007.

**John Hutchcraft** – A Lake Village, AR native, Hutchcraft played college basketball at State College of AR (UCA) where he still holds several records. Hutchcraft coached one year at Hazen and one year at Grubbs, then moved to Guy-Perkins where his junior high boys and girls and senior high boys and girls made 25 appearances at state tournaments (15 with the boys and 10 with the girls). He had 10 runner-up finishes (8 with the girls and 2 with the boys), and he had 11 state championships (6 with the boys and 5 with the girls). Hutchcraft ended his career with 2,013 wins and 617 losses, a record that is not likely to ever be broken. In 2015 John coached the girls at the McDonald's All-America Games. Since turning 50, he has played in the 3-on-3 Senior Olympics, winning multiple gold medals and titles. He was recently the winner of the 2018 Morgan Wootten Lifetime Achievement Award for girls' basketball.

**Brison Manor** – After playing high school football at Bridgeton, NJ, and Pratt Community College in Kansas, Frank Broyles recruited Manor for the Razorbacks. As a junior, he had 91 tackles, including 50 solo stops. He played a significant role in the Hogs' upset of fifth-ranked USC in 1974. Brison finished the 1974 season with 82 stops, including 7 tackles for losses and 3 pass deflections. He played in the All-America Bowl in 1973. He initially signed with the NY Jets, then ended up in Denver. His fumble recovery against Oakland secured a 20-17 win and sent Denver to the Super Bowl. Brison has been inducted into the Bridgeton Hall of Fame (1994) and the U of A Sports Hall of Honor (2011).

**Jerry Muckensturm** – Born in Belleville, IL, Muckensturm was voted the "Belleville Athlete of the Year" in 1973. He attended college at Arkansas State University and was a 4-year starting linebacker for the Indians (1972-1975). As a freshman, he was named Honorable Mention All-Southland Conference. As a senior in 1975, he set the ASU record for most career tackles, was a unanimous choice for the All-Southland Conference Team, and was invited to play in the Coaches' All-American game in 1976. Muckensturm was drafted in the 7<sup>th</sup> round by the Chicago Bears, and by 1977, he had earned a starting linebacker position. He became their leading tackler, playing a total of 81 games from 1976 to 1983. He was inducted into the Belleville News Democrat's Sports Hall of Fame in 1988, ASU Hall of Honor in 1992, Southland Conference's All-Decade team (1970's), All-Century/All-Centennial ASU Team, and All-Time ASU team for the time period 1909-1975.

**Kevin Scanlon** – A native of Beaver Falls, PA, Scanlon was Beaver County's leading passer by the time he graduated in 1975. He played college football at NC State, lettering in 1976. After that season, Scanlon followed head coach Lou Holtz to the U of A and competed with Ron Calcagni for the starting QB position. Calcagni and Scanlon led the Hogs to a 9-2-1 season and a spot in the Fiesta Bowl. In 1979, he led the Hogs to a 10-2 season and a spot in the Sugar Bowl against eventual national champ Alabama. Kevin has been inducted into the Beaver County Sports Hall of

Fame (2005) and the U of A Sports Hall of Honor (2010).

**Betty Wallace** – Wallace attended Henderson State, playing tennis. After graduating, she coached at Murfreesboro, Rison, and Malvern before being recruited to teach PE at Henderson. Title IX was not passed until 1972, which meant that very little funding was available for women's sports. Wallace worked to create the AR Women's Extramural Sports Association (AWESA) for governing college women's sports in AR. She also helped develop the Association of Intercollegiate Activities for Women (IAIW) to compete on a national level. AWESA changed to the AR Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Association in 1973. For almost 25 years, she coached various women's sports at Henderson. She was named the AWISA Tennis Coach of the Year and AWISA Volleyball Coach of the Year. She became the first female athletic director in the state and is a charter inductee into the HSU Reddie Hall of Honor. The Downing-Swift-Wallace award was named after her, as is the Bettye Wallace Tennis Center at HSU.

**Dean Weber** – Born in Washington DC, Weber obtained his college degree from Bridgewater College in 1967. He became the athletic trainer at UNC from 1968-1972 before being hired as Director of Sports Medicine at the U of A in 1973. As Director, Dean oversaw all training operations at the U of A, including training room work, administrative work, and the multi-tasking of a multitude of traveling and nutritional details. Over 45 years of work, he helped get his teams to 26 bowls, 2 ACC championships, 4 SWC championships, and 4 SEC Division championships. He was selected as the athletic trainer for 2 Japan Bowl All-Star games, 3 National Sports Festivals, and to the prestigious US Olympic Team in 1984. He has been inducted into the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame, the AR Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame, and the U of A Sports Hall of Honor. In addition, he won the 50-Year Service Award from NATA (2016), the Athletic Training Service Award (2006), the AATA Athletic Trainer of the Year Award (1998), the Dr. Doug Parker Recognition Award (2007), and the Lifetime Achievement Award (2017).

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**Dave Van Horn** – This Stanton, CA native played junior college baseball at McLennan Community College, earning all-conference and all-region honors as a freshman. In his second season, Van Horn earned All-America and Region 5 Player of the Year. In 1982 he transferred to Arkansas. As a Razorback, he was All-SWC, SWC Newcomer of the Year award, and was recognized by his team as its MVP. In 1985, he became a graduate assistant for the Razorbacks, then became head coach at Texarkana Community College in 1989. He was also the head coach at Central Missouri State, Northwestern State, and Nebraska. In 2002, Van Horn became the head coach of the Hogs. Van Horn has led his teams to a Division II National Championship, five outright conference championships, an SEC Championship, four SEC Western Division titles, 19 NCAA Tournament berths, and eight College World Series appearances. He was twice named National Coach of the Year and Regional Coach of the Year, and four times he was named Conference Coach of the Year. These are stats as of 2023.

**Gary Adams** – Born in Piggott, AR, Adams was a multi-sport athlete, in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He once intercepted. As a freshman at the U of A in 1965, he led the frosh team in points scored as a quarterback. Adams moved to defense in his sophomore season and was named Honorable Mention All-America. In his senior season, Adams helped the Razorbacks achieve a 10-1 record and a trip to the Sugar Bowl, where they beat 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Georgia. Adams led the SWC in interceptions in 1966 with 7 (still tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Razorbacks history). As a sophomore, he was named Outstanding Sophomore Defensive Player of the Year in the SWC. As a senior, he was named defensive Captain of the Razorbacks and had 13 career interceptions. He was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-SWC all 3 seasons. Adams returned kickoffs and punts and his career average of 10.31 yds. per return ranks among Arkansas' all-time best. Adams was drafted in the 12<sup>th</sup> round of the 1969 NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles and played for 2 years. He was named to the Arkansas Razorbacks 1960's All-

Decade Team and was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor in 2011.

**Richard Akel** – Akel started playing tennis at the age of 10. At age 14, he was ranked #7 in the state. In junior and senior high, he was undefeated in the state and was #1 in every age group. In the Southern 16's Championships, he won the consolation bracket twice. In the Southern 18's, he won the consolation bracket in his 1<sup>st</sup> year; and in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year, he won the singles and was the #1 junior-ranked tennis player in the south. Richard received a scholarship to play tennis at Clemson, and as a freshman (1981), he played #4 singles and helped Clemson win the ACC. As a sophomore (1982), his team finished 24-10, and was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation. In his junior season (1983), he was the #2 singles player and Clemson won the ACC, and reached the final 8 of the NCAA tournament. Akel turned professional in 1983, climbing to a world ranking of 345 in singles and 182 in doubles. He played in all of the Grand Slam tournaments for 2 years before injuries forced him into early retirement. Richard was inducted into the Arkansas Tennis Hall of Fame in 2005.

**David Alpe** – A native of Lake Village, AR, Alpe was a team captain and an All-State halfback who helped lead his football team to a 9-0 season in 1957. Alpe enrolled at Southern Arkansas University (SAU) and was a 4-time starter at running back. He was All-AIC in 1959, 1960, and 1961 and was voted co-captain as a senior. Alpe initially coached at Catholic High School and Helena High School. Malvern hired him as head football coach and athletic director, and Alpe stayed there for 36 years, going 239-142-5. His Malvern teams won 16 conference championships, played in 16 State Play-Offs, made the semi-finals 4 times, and were state champions in 1993. Alpe was named Outstanding Coach of the District eight times - 1977, 1979, 1981, 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, and 1997. He was head coach of the All-Star game in 1990. He was voted the Athletic Director of the Year twice, won the Curtis King and Lowell Manning Awards, and was named the Arkansas Democrat Gazette Coach of the year. Alpe was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 2005, Malvern's Wall of Honor in 2010, SAU's Hall of Fame in 2013, and

the AAA Athletic Administrator's Hall of Fame in 2017.

**Denny Flynn** – A native of Charleston, AR, Flynn started pursuing his Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) card in 1973. Flynn often rode 180 rodeos in a year. He became the first Arkansan to ever make it to the 'world series of rodeos' – the National Finals Rodeo (NFR). In 1975 at Salt Lake City, Flynn was gored, piercing 10" into his abdomen, lacerating his liver and narrowly missing his heart. Flynn was back on bulls that very fall. At the 1981 NFR, Flynn sustained a concussion on his 6<sup>th</sup> ride but came back and rode 9 out of 10 bulls to win the NFR Average title. In 1983, Flynn broke his ankle on his 9<sup>th</sup> bull ride of the rodeo but rode a 10<sup>th</sup> bull to collect all the rodeo points. He rode the #1 bull in the world, Red Lightning, scoring 98 out of a possible 100 points in 1979. He qualified for the NFR 10 times and set a record of 3 for most bull riding average titles won at the NFR. He was inducted into the Professional Bull Riders Ring of Honor, Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Rodeo Hall of Fame, and the Bull Riding Hall of Fame.

**Madre Hill** – Hill grew up in Malvern, AR where he rushed for a then-state record 6,010 yards and 68 touchdowns. As a senior in 1993, he ran for a state record of 2,863 yards and led Malvern to the Class AAA State Championships. Hill was the Reebok National High School Player of the Year and was named All-America by USA Today and Blue Chip Illustrated 2 years in a row. Hill was also the Gatorade Circle of Champions Player of the Year and was All-State and All-District 3 times. Hill played for the Razorbacks 1994–98, missing the '96 and '97 seasons due to tearing the ACLs in both knees. In 1995, Madre was named 1<sup>st</sup> Tea, All-SEC by the SEC coaches, and the AP. Madre was drafted by the Cleveland Browns (1999) & played 2 seasons for them. In 2001, Hill played in Europe for the Berlin Thunder and was the team's leading rusher, helping them win the World Bowl IX that season. He played for the San Diego Chargers in 2001 and ended his career with Oakland in 2002. Madre was named to the U of A All-Decade Team for the 1990's, SEC Legend in 2015, and was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor in 2017.

**Jerry Jones, Jr.** – A Little Rock native, Jones, Jr. is the VP, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, and General Counsel of the most valuable sports franchise in the world – the Dallas Cowboys. Jr. obtained many sponsors and became the guiding force behind the team's innovative sales and marketing strategies. He also became CEO of Dallas Cowboys Merchandising, which manufactures and distributes team merchandise across the globe. Jones, Jr. also became instrumental in the design and planning of AT&T Stadium and played a key role in the development of The Star in Frisco, Texas, the official headquarters of the Dallas Cowboys. Jones Jr. also oversees the club's communications, which broadcasts 40 hours a week of TV, radio, and internet programming to 5 states. Jones Jr. was named by Sports Business Journal as one of the "40 Under 40" executives who are making the greatest contributions to their organization and the world of sports.

**Jim King** – A Branch, AR native, King played high school basketball for Ft. Smith, helping them win state championships in 1958 and 1959. As a senior, Jim was the leading scorer, played in the All-Star game, and led all scorers in that game with 21 points. He was recruited at Tulsa University and quickly led the Golden Hurricane and the MVC in scoring. He was Honorable-Mention All-America and All-MVC in the '61-'62 and '62-'63 seasons. King was drafted by the LA Lakers in the second round of the draft in 1963, the 13<sup>th</sup> overall pick. He went on to play for the Lakers, San Francisco Warriors, Cincinnati Royals and Chicago Bulls. He ended his career with 4,377 pts., 1,500 rebounds, 1,412 assists. Tulsa retired Jim's playing number – #24 – and he was inducted into the Tulsa Hall of Fame in 1984.

**Houston Nutt, Jr.** – Nutt, Jr. came from a Little Rock coaching family and starred as a high school quarterback and basketball player for LR Central. Nutt was recruited by Arkansas head coach Frank Broyles, but eventually transferred to OK State. After graduation, from 1984-1993, Houston worked as an assistant coach. He became a head coach at Murray State in 1993. In 1995, his Murray State team finished 11-1 and won the OVC Championship. Nutt was the AFCA

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Division I-AA Coach of the Year and Eddie Robinson National Division I-AA Coach of the Year. Nutt went 11-2 in 1996 and again was the AFCA Division I-AA Coach of the Year and Regional Coach of the Year. Nutt became the Razorbacks head coach in 1998. In Nutt's first year, the Hogs went 9-3 and tied for the SEC's Western Division title. That same year, Nutt was selected as the Football News National Coach of the Year. Nutt had an overall record at Arkansas of 75-48 (42-38 in the SEC) with 8 bowl game appearances. Nutt coached Arkansas teams to the SEC West championship games in 2002 and 2006 and was named SEC Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2006. Nutt left Arkansas for Ole Miss (2008-2011), where he was named SEC Coach of the Year in 2008. He was inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame and U of A Sports Hall of Honor.

**Sherry Raney White** – A native of Bruno-Pyatt, AR, Raney White played college ball at Arkansas Tech (ATU) and is still the second all-time leading scorer in ATU women's basketball, with 2,248 points (4<sup>th</sup> highest overall, men or women!). At ATU (1978-82), she led her team to a 102-15 overall record and a 62-10 mark in AWISA Conference play. She became Tech's first-ever All-America selection in women's basketball in 1980 and earned this award 3 times. She became, and still is, the school's only 4-time All-Conference selection. After graduating from ATU, Raney White coached girls basketball at Hot Springs, leading them to a 3A State Championship (1990). At Harrison, she coached the Lady Goblins to the 4A State Basketball Championships 3 times (2000, 2001, and 2002). Her Ft. Smith Southside team was 7A State Basketball Runners-Up (2013, as was her 6A Russellville team (2015)). She was a three-time AHSCA All-Star Basketball Head Coach (1985, 2001, & 2004); and a two-time AHSCA All-Star Basketball Assistant Coach (1999 & 2000). She was also named the AR Outstanding Girls Basketball Coach (1989-90), the AR Outstanding Coach in Girls Athletics (2000-01) and was a 3-time Coach of the Year in the 4A West (1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02).

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**Veronica Campbell Brown** – Veronica was born in Clarks Town, Trelawny,

Jamaica, and became the first female in history to win the World Youth Games 100 meters title in 1999. She also won gold in the 4 x 100 relays. The following year, she won 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal at the World Junior Championships. Also in 2000, she won the first of her 8 Olympic medals: the bronze medal in the 2000 Sydney 4 x 100-meter relays. At the 2004 Athens Olympics, she won bronze in the 100 meters, and gold medals in the 200 meters and the 4 x 100-meter relays. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, she won gold in the 200 meters. At the 2012 London Olympics, she won the bronze medal in the 100 meters and the silver medal in the 4 x 100. At the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, she won silver in the 4 x 100-meter relays. She has been ranked #1 in the world in both 100 and 200 meters several times by *Track & Field News* and was voted Jamaica's Sportswoman of the year 5 times. She was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor and the AR Track & Field Hall of Fame.

**Dr. Jim Counce** – A Memphis, TN native, Counce was a standout forward at Memphis White Station High School. He became a member of Eddie Sutton's 1st recruiting class for the '74-75 season and in his freshman year at AR, the Hogs went 17-9, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SWC. In his sophomore year, the Razorbacks finished 19-9, with a roster of Counce, Ron Brewer, Marvin Delph, Sidney Moncrief, Steve Shall and Chris Bennett. In Counce's junior year, the Razorbacks went 26-2, 1<sup>st</sup> in the SWC with a 16-0 record. His smothering defense earned him the 'privilege' of guarding the best players on the opposing teams. In his senior year, the Hogs went 32-4 overall and were 14-2 in SWC play, 1<sup>st</sup> in the SWC. AR made it to the Final Four that year, losing to Kentucky in the first game. Brewer hit a last-second jump shot to beat Notre Dame in a consolation thriller, 71-69, and the Hogs ended up with a #5 national ranking. Counce was an Academic All-America. He played for Athletes in Action in 1980 and was an assistant coach for Sutton in 1981 and 1982. eon in NW AR. Counce was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor in 2009.

**Ike Forte** – A native of Texarkana, AR, Forte was a bruising running back in high school and played college football at Tyler Junior College in

Texas. 1974, Forte transferred to the U of A and led all rushers in both his junior and senior seasons. In 1974, he had 187 carries for 974 yards and scored 9 rushing TD's and 1 receiving TD. In 1975, he had 174 carries for 983 yards, 6 catches for 70 yards, and scored 10 touchdowns. His plays from scrimmage and yards from scrimmage in '74 and '75 also rank him in the top 3 rushers all-time in the SWC. His TDs from scrimmage earned him the #2 spot in SWC history, as did his points - he scored 60 points in both 1974 and 1975. Forte was named All SWC in both of his seasons and was also named to the Playboy All America Team. A team captain of the 1975 Razorbacks, he led them to the SWC title, and a 1976 Cotton Bowl upset over Georgia, where Forte was named the MVP Offensive Player of the Game. Forte played 2 years for the New England Patriots, 3 years for the Washington Redskins, and 1 year for the New York Giants.

**Anthony Lucas** – A native of Tallulah, LA, Lucas was a sought-after receiver and signed with the U of A 1995-1999. In his freshman year, he had a record 27 receptions for 526 yards - an average of 19.5 yards per catch - and 4 touchdowns. Lucas was named All SEC that year. That year, he helped the Razorbacks win the SEC Western Division title with an 8-5 record and a trip to the Carquest Bowl. An early-season, first-game injury sidelined him in 1996. Anthony came back strong for the 1997 season, playing in all 11 games. In 1998, he helped Arkansas tie for the SEC Western Division Championship. The Hogs went to the 1999 Citrus Bowl, and Lucas was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All SEC for his efforts. In 1999, He had another great year and was named 3<sup>rd</sup>-Team All-America by the AP, and was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All SEC as well. Lucas helped the Hogs avenge a previous loss to #1 ranked Tennessee. With 3:44 to play, Lucas caught a 23-yard TD pass that sealed a 28-24 win. Lucas played one year for the Green Bay Packers and 1 year for the Dallas Cowboys.

**Gus Malzahn** – A Texas native, Malzahn got his start in coaching at Hughes High School as their defensive coordinator in 1991 and then their head coach in 1992, taking the 1994 team to a state championship final. He became head coach at Shiloh Christian in 1996 and coached that team to back-to-back state

championships in 1998 and 1999. As head coach at Springdale, led them to 2 state championships during his last 4 years there. He joined Houston Nutt's staff in 2005, becoming the Razorbacks' offensive coordinator and wide receivers' coach. Malzahn was named the National Offensive Coordinator of the Year by *Rivals.com*. He left AR to become the offensive coordinator at Tulsa University in 2007, where the Golden Hurricanes were the first NCAA team to have a 5,000-yard passer, a 1,000-yard rusher, and three 1,000-yard receivers in a single season. From 2009 to 2011, Gus was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Auburn University. In 2010, he coached the Tigers to a national championship. Malzahn became head coach at Arkansas State University in 2012, leading ASU to a conference championship and a win in the GoDaddy.com Bowl. Gus became head coach at Auburn in 2013, winning the SEC with a 12-1 record and again earning a spot in the BCS Championship game. As of 2024, he is head coach of University of Central FL.

**Ron Marvel** – A Coal Hill, AR native, Marvel pursued his love of athletics and coaching at the University of the Ozarks. From there, he coached at Magazine, Cedarville, and Fountain Lake High Schools, having a high school record of 951-430, never having a losing season. He was named High School District Coach of the Year 11 times in both the boys' and girls' categories. He was then hired at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA), coaching there for 24 straight seasons. While coach women's basketball at UCA, He compiled a record of 489 wins against 207 losses, again never having one losing season. He is the winningest coach in UCA history, with his 28 wins in 2003 also being a season record for wins in any sport at UCA. His women's basketball teams won 4 District 17 championship titles in the NAIA, 2 AWISA titles, and 2 AIC Conference titles. His teams also made appearances in AIAW, NAIA, and NCAA national tournaments, reaching the Sweet 16 and Elite 8 in the NCAA. He coached 5 All-Americans, 3 Honorable Mention All-Americans, and countless All-Conference players. Marvel was named AIC Coach of the year twice, District 17 Coach of the Year 3 times, and NCAA Regional Coach of the



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Year twice. Ron was inducted into the College of the Ozarks Hall of Fame in 1997 and the UCA Hall of Fame in 2003.

**John Tate** – At 6'-6," Watson Chapel native, Tate was a formidable high school basketball player. In his senior year, he averaged 25.9 ppg and 11.4 rebounds. That year, he was named All Conference, All State; and at the 1985 AR High School All Star Game, he was also named All Tournament and the MVP for the West squad. The *Arkansas Gazette* named him to their Super Team (first team), and John became the *Pine Bluff Commercial's* first boys' Southeast Arkansas Prep Basketball Player of the Year. Tate signed early (1985) with Arkansas State University (ASU). His career totals are 128 games played, 1,776 points, 812 rebounds, 137 assists, 115 steals, and 105 blocked shots. Tate was named to the Hawkeyes All-Tournament Team, the MVP of the Kentucky Invitational Tournament, and the Mercantile Bank's MVP. He was also selected as an NIT Scholar Athlete and named as an All-American SC twice. He has been inducted into the Watson Chapel High School Hall of Fame and the ASU Hall of Honor.

## All American Red Heads Team Induction

The origin of the All-American Red Heads began when C.M. "Ole" Olsen, a Cassville, MO, businessman became interested in starting a women's basketball team. Olsen recruited players from the American Athletic Union (AAU) and officially formed the Red Heads in 1936, with two of the players being redheads. Over time, all the players became redheads. The Red Heads played against local men's teams using the men's rules. These ladies were both great athletes and great entertainers. The ladies would start the game strong, then would perform a myriad of trick shots, fancy dribbling, and flirting. The ladies averaged playing 200 games a year and would often travel by car over 60,000 miles a year to venues all over the country. By the 1970's, Title IX passed, and the novelty of the Red Heads soon declined. After a run of 50 years, the longest-running women's professional franchise in the history of basketball played their last game in 1986. In 2012, sixty-five surviving Red Heads made the trip to enjoy the All-American

Red Heads being inducted into the prestigious Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. They were also honored in 2011 by being inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. And in 2017, the Red Heads were inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

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**Lisa Cornwell** – At age 5, Lisa was given a set of Gary Player golf clubs and soon began competing and winning tournaments. At the age of 14, she won her first Arkansas Women's Golf Association (AWGA) state title, the youngest Arkansas women's champ ever. She won 4 total AWGA state championships. In 1992, she was named the Arkansas Female Athlete of the Year in her senior year of high school and was the 2nd-ranked junior player in the country by the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA). She earned junior All-America honors from the AJGA 3 times, winning over 30 junior tournaments. Lisa initially attended college at SMU, but eventually transferred to the U of A her senior year of college (1995-96) on the first-ever women's golf scholarship. After graduating from college, she became interested in broadcasting and returned to the U of A to earn a minor degree in broadcast journalism. She was inducted into the ASGA's Hall of Fame in 2019.

**Lance Harter** - Harter attended Texas Tech and set several school records as a member of the cross country and track teams. After college, Harter spent 11 years at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, CA, where his teams won a record-breaking 14 Division II national championships. He was hired at the U of A in 1990, where he became the most successful women's coach in U of A history and the SEC. In 1990, he won his first NCAA Regional Championship and followed that up with 22 more NCAA Regional titles. In 1992, he won his first SEC Indoor Conference Championship, following that up with 39 more SEC championships, 21 SEC Cross Country titles, 10 SEC Indoor titles, and 8 SEC Outdoor titles. Harter's teams won 6 SEC's 'Triple Crowns' and 6 national NCAA National Track & Field championships. Harter has also won 41 Coach of the Year awards, 12 SEC Indoor Coach of the Year

awards, and 8 SEC Outdoor Coach of the Year awards. He has also coached internationally, and in the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic games. Harter has been inducted into the USTFCCA Coaches Hall of Fame, UA Sports Hall of Honor, Mt. SAC Relays Hall of Fame, and Cal Poly Hall of Fame.

**Tim Horton** – Horton was four-year letterman for the Razorbacks and a team captain his senior season. That year, he earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-SWC. He had 78 career punt returns for 657 yards and 49 career pass catches for 942 yards. During his time as a Razorback, Arkansas went 38-11, won consecutive SWC titles and appeared in 4 bowl games ('86 Orange Bowl, '87 Liberty Bowl, & the '88 & '89 Cotton Bowl). Horton went on to coach collegiately at the following schools: Appalachian State, U.S. Air Force Academy, Kansas State, Arkansas (was the recruiting coordinator and running backs coach), Auburn, Vanderbilt, and as of this writing, has returned to the Air Force Academy.

**Joe Johnson** – A native of Little Rock, AR, Johnson attended school at Little Rock Central. At the U of A (1999-2000), he was named to the SEC All-Freshman team & SEC All-Tournament team. In his sophomore season, he was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-SEC, SEC All-Tournament team, and Honorable Mention All-America. He declared for the NBA draft in 2001 and was drafted 10th overall by the Boston Celtics, playing for them 2001-2002. In 2005, Johnson became a restricted free agent and signed with the Atlanta Hawks for \$70 million. In his first season, he led the team per game in points, assists, steals, three-points made, and average minutes played. Johnson went on to play for the following NBA teams: Phoenix, Atlanta, Brooklyn, Miami, Utah, Houston, Detroit, and Boston. Johnson's NBA career stats are: 1,276 games, 20,405 points, 1,978 3-points made, 2,783 free throws made, and 5,059 rebounds.

**Kevin Kelley** – A Hot Springs, AR native, Kelley graduated from Henderson State in 1992. His coaching career started in TX. In 1997 he was hired as the offensive coordinator of Pulaski Academy (PA). In 2003, Kelley was named PA's head football coach. After 18 years of

coaching at PA, he amassed 216 victories against only 29 losses and 1 tie – an 88% winning record. His PA teams have won 9 AR state championships. On of his intriguing coaching strategies has been not punting on 4th down. His PA teams punted a total of only 6 times. Kelley was recognized for this strategy on ESPN, Sports Illustrated, NFL Films, and *Time* Magazine. Another strategy Kelley used is the inside kick. He had a dozen different inside kick formations confusing opposing teams. Kelley was named USA Today's National Coach of the Year in 2016. He has done interviews on Fox Business News Channel, HBO Real Sports, & ESPN, and ESPN 30 for 30. He was the head coach of South Carolina Presbyterian College for one year. As of this writing he is the head coach for Sheridan, AR.

**Jesse William Mason, Jr.** – Growing up in a farming area in Millington, TN, baseball and basketball were the only sports. Mason became a prolific scorer for Woodstock High School. From 1956 to 1960, at Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College (Arkansas AM & N), Mason became one of the most outstanding shooting guards the Golden Lions had ever had, lettering all 4 years. In his senior year (1959-60), Mason won the Southwestern Atlantic Conference (SWAC) scoring crown, with a scoring average of 25.2 points per game and a total of 656 points in 26 games. While at Arkansas AM & N, Mason was named All SWAC in 1958, 1959, and 1960. He is revered as one of the Top 5 basketball players in UAPB history and has been inducted into the UAPB Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, UAPB Alumni Hall of Fame in 2010, and SWAC Hall of Fame in 2011. His #42 jersey (worn to honor #42 Jackie Robinson) was retired by UAPB in 2016.

**Billy Joe Murray** – A native of Morrilton, AR, Murray became a star on his high school basketball team. The Devil Dogs had a 73-17 record during Murray's time there. As a sophomore, junior, and senior he was named All-State. As a senior, Morrilton won the Class AA State Championship. He was named the MVP and earned a spot on the 1973 AR Gazette's Super Team and played in the State High School All-Star game. While playing collegiately at Arkansas Tech (ATU), Murray

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averaged at least 20 ppg as a sophomore, junior and senior, leading the team in scoring each of those years. He was a 2-time All-AIC selection in 1974 and 1975. He then began a highly successful coaching career. He coached at Morrilton, Plummerville, Altheimer, Earle, Crawfordsville, and back to Earle again. He won a state championship at Crawfordsville (1995) and 6 state championships at Earle (2008, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2017, and 2018).

**Lawson Pilgrim** – Pilgrim was a starting sophomore on Conway's 1974 AAA state championship team. As a senior in 1976, he was a part of the team helping lead Conway to another AAA state championship and a perfect 36-0 record. Pilgrim was the tournament's MVP and was named All-State in both the 1975 and 1976 seasons. He was named the 1976 AR High School Player of the Year and named to the National High School All-America Team. He signed with the U of A, lettering as a freshman. Pilgrim transferred back home to Hendrix College in 1977. During his first year, the Warriors were runners-up in the AIC. Pilgrim led Hendrix AIC championships in 1980 and 1981 and was named All-AIC and NAIA All-District 17. In 1980, Lawson was the first Warrior to be named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-America. In 1981, he was the only Hendrix player to be named 1<sup>st</sup> Team NAIA All-America. Pilgrim's college teams had a 116-28 record. Following college, Pilgrim played internationally for Athletes in Action (AIA). He was twice-named the MVP in the AAU National Tournament. In 1994 Lawson was inducted into the inaugural class of the Hendrix Sports Hall of Honor.

**Johnny Ray** – Ray was born in Chouteau, OK. After high school, he opted to play baseball at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (NEO) for two years (1976-1977). Ray then chose to sign with the Razorbacks. His first year at Arkansas (1978), he was named All-SWC, with a batting average of .305. In 1979, Ray and the Razorbacks made school history by making it to the finals of the College World Series, losing a heartbreaker to Cal State Fullerton. Ray helped the Razorbacks to an 80-28 record, with a career batting average of .319, and 47 RBIs his senior year. Ray was drafted by the Houston Astros but traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1981. At Pittsburgh, he immediately became

the starting second baseman and played in every game that season. He was named Rookie of the Year by *The Sporting News*. In 1983 he led the league in doubles with 38 and won the Silver Slugger Award with a .283 batting average. In 1984, he again led the league in doubles with 38 and a batting average of .312, fifth best in the league that year. He was traded mid-season to the California Angels in 1987, where he hit .346 and played in the American League All-Star game. Ray was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor, SWC Hall of Fame, the Baseball Writers Association Hall of Fame, and named an SEC Legend in 2019.

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**Corey Beck** – A Memphis, TN native, Corey played 1 year at South Plains College in Texas, then transferred to Arkansas. In his 1992-93 sophomore season, Corey started all 30 games. In his junior year, he took a bruising 36 charges and had 299 points, 169 assists, and 131 rebounds. That year, the Hogs did not win the SEC Tournament, but still went to the NCAA Tournament and made it to the National Championship game against Duke. The Hogs won 76-72. In Corey's senior season, the Hogs were the national championship runners-up. Corey was named to the 1994 NCAA All-Tournament Final Four Team, All-SEC 3rd team in 1995, 2nd Team All-SEC in 1994, and Honorable Mention All-SEC 1993. He was also honored as an SEC Allstate Basketball Legend in 2019 and was inducted into the U of A Sports hall of Honor in 2021.

**Paul Blair** – Born in Ohio, Blair had a passion for swimming his whole life. At college at West Liberty State, he became an All-America swimmer. Blair became coach of the Arkansas Dolphins Swim Team in 1979. Blair coached a total of 6 U.S. National Champions, 1 U.S. Open National Champion, 12 Junior National Champions, 2 Olympic Festival Gold Medalists, 35 age group swimmers ranked #1 in the nation, 17 national age group record holders, 7 U.S. Masters National Champions, 1 Pan American Silver Medalist, 25 world-ranked swimmers, 25 U.S. Olympic Trails Qualifiers, 4 Pan Pacific Team members, 1 World Championship Silver Medalist, 6 Olympians, and 1 Olympic Gold Medalist. Blair was also

a U.S. Open Coach, U.S. Olympic Festival Coach, U.S. National Junior Team Coach at the Youth Olympic Festival, USA World Championship Team Head Coach, U.S. Men's Team Coach at the World University Games, U.S. National Junior Team Head Coach, an 8-time U.S. National Team Coach, and was an Associate Coach of the Women's Swim Team at the UALR. He was Arkansas Coach of the Year & Region VIII Coach of the Year in multiple years, inducted into the West Liberty State College Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame. He was also given the Yutaka Terao Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame and posthumously inducted into the American Swimming Coaches Hall of Fame.

**Tommy Brasher** – An El Dorado native, Brasher helped lead the Razorbacks to an 8-3 season in 1962 and a trip to the Sugar Bowl and a 9-2 season in 1963 and another trip to the Sugar Bowl. After college, Brasher began one of the longest and most successful coaching careers in high school, college, and pro football ranks. He became an assistant coach at El Dorado and Ball High School. Then a head coach at Hot Springs. Brasher's college coaching includes stints at Arkansas, VA Tech, NE Louisiana, and SMU. He coached professionally at Shreveport, New England, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Tampa Bay, Seattle, and Philadelphia. Brasher retired after the 2005 season but came out of retirement to rejoin Philadelphia in 2012. He went back to Kansas City 2013-2015 and retired from active coaching for good in 2015. Brasher was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor in 2008 and the Union County Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

**Barry Foster** – Foster played high school football fullback at Duncannonville, TX. He played fullback for the Razorbacks 1987-1989. He helped the Hogs to a 26-8 record and 2 SWC championships. These teams earned trips to the Liberty Bowl and two Cotton Bowls. Foster rushed 375 times for 1,977 yards and 19 touchdowns. He also returned 23 kickoffs in 1988, a single-season school record that stood until 2002. Foster decided to forgo his senior year, entered the 1990 NFL Draft, and was selected by Pittsburgh as the 19th pick in the 5th round. Foster was used primarily on special teams during his

rookie season. In 1992, Foster rushed for a single season record of 1,690 yards and broke Franco Harris' team record for 100-yard games with 12. This also tied the NFL's record for 100-yard games in a season. Foster scored 11 touchdowns, was the top AFC rusher, and earned a trip to the Pro Bowl. In 1993, Foster had injuries but still had 711 yards and 8 TDs in 9 games. He made the Pro Bowl for the 2nd year in a row. Due to injuries, the 1994 AFC Championship game was Foster's last game in a Steeler uniform and as a pro. In his pro career, he carried the football 915 times for 3,943 yards, caught 93 passes for 804 receiving yards, and scored 28 touchdowns. He was named the UPI AFC Offensive Player of the Year in 1992, was a two-time pro-bowler, and in 1992, he was named the Steeler's MVP.

**Tyson Gay** – A Kentucky native, Gay broke track records in high school in and at Barton County Community College. At the NJCAA championships in 2002, he won the 100 meters; and at the NJCAA in 2003, he won the bronze in the 100 meters and silver in the 200 meters. Gay transferred to Arkansas. At the 2004 NCAA Men's National Outdoor Track and Field Championship, he became Arkansas' first 100 meter NCAA national champion, with a school record of 10.06 seconds. In Gay's final year at Arkansas, he set a school record of 6.55 seconds in the 60 meters at the 2005 Championship Series. He and Spearmon, Grant, and Brown won the 4 X 100 meters relay race, with an Arkansas-record time of 38.49 seconds. His efforts these 2 years helped Arkansas win the national championships. In 2005, Tyson turned pro, with the following major accomplishments:

2005 - 1st place - 200 meters - World Athletics. 2006 - 1st place - 200 meters - World Athletics. 1st place - 100 meters - World Cup. 1st place - 4 x 100 meters - World Cup. 2007 - 1st place - 100 meters - World Championships. 1st place - 200 meters - World Championships. 1st place - 4 x 100 meters - World Championships. 2009 - 2nd place - 100 meters - World Championships. 1st place - 100 meters - World Athletics. 2010 - 1st place - 4 x 100 meters - Continental Cup. 1st place - 100 meters - Diamond League. 2015 - 1st place - 4 x 100 meters - World Relays. Tyson shares the US record

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in the 100 meters with a time of 9.69 seconds, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> second fastest time in track history behind Usain Bolt. Gay is the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest man in track history in the 200 meters (19.58 seconds) and the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time in history in the 4 X 100 meters relays (37.45 seconds). He is the first man in history to go below 10 seconds in the 100 meters, below 20 seconds in the 200 meters, and below 45 seconds in the 4 X 100 relays.

**Matt Jones** – At Van Buren, AR native, Jones was a multi-talented athlete. In his sophomore season in 1998, he caught 11 passes for 213 yards and 6 touchdowns. On the basketball court, he led the Pointers to a share of the AAAAA-West Conference. The following season, he led the basketball conference in scoring and guided Van Buren to a runner-up finish in the AAAAA-West. Matt broke Corliss Williamson's conference record, scoring 335 points. Jones transferred to Fort Smith Northside his junior year. As a quarterback, Jones ran for 943 yards, scored 13 touchdowns, and passed for 815 yards and 7 touchdowns. In basketball that year, he again led the conference in scoring and guided the Grizzlies to the AAAAA-West championship game. Jones was named to the 2001 AHSCA All-Star football game and was named the MVP as he led the West to a win. Jones became a Razorback and was put in his first game at halftime at Ole Miss in November 2001. After that game ended in a 17-17 tie, Jones led the Hogs in a NCAA historic, 7-overtime win against the Rebels. He led the Hogs in a second OT game - a 6-OT game at TN - that they lost in a heartbreaker. He then led Arkansas in a 3<sup>rd</sup> OT game – a 7-OT win over KY. Jones's career stats at Arkansas are remarkable: 417 passing completions out of 755 attempts; 5,857 total passing yards, 53 passing TD's; and 24 rushing TD's. He was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-SEC, was drafted in the 1<sup>st</sup> round by Jacksonville.

**Basil Shabazz** – Growing up in Pine Bluff, Shabazz was an all-around athlete in football, basketball, track, and baseball. As a sophomore, he earned the AR Dem- Gaz Sophomore of the Year award football and basketball and starred in American Legion baseball. In 1990, at the state 4A football championship game,

Shabazz ran for 5 touchdowns in a 33-13 win against Texarkana. He also joined the baseball team and hit .351 in his only season with the team. Shabazz was named the Gatorade Arkansas High School Track Athlete of the Year, was an All-State selection in football, and the Touchdown Club of Atlanta named him their 1990 Back of the Year. In 1991, he was named the National High School Athlete of the Year. St. Louis picked him as their first pick in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the draft. He was moved to Springfield, St. Petersburg, Arkansas, and El Paso. He then enrolled at UAPB and played football for the Zebras. In 1997, Shabazz was seriously injured in a football game ending his playing days.

**Brad Taylor** – A Danville, AR native, Taylor was an all-around athlete in basketball and football. Taylor was named All-Conference, All-District, and All-State as a quarterback. Taylor went to the U of A in 1981 and as a true freshman, lettered in football. Under Lou Holtz the Razorbacks went 8-4 and earned a trip to the Gator Bowl. In his sophomore year, the Razorbacks went 9-2-1 and played in the Bluebonnet Bowl beating Florida. In 1984, Ken Hatfield was hired as the head coach. Under Taylor's senior leadership, the Hogs went 7-4-1 and played in the Liberty Bowl. Taylor finished his career at Arkansas with 4,802 total yards, which was at the time the greatest amount of passing yards in Razorback history. He had 333 passes for 23 TDs and threw for more than 1,000 yards in each of 3 seasons. He was named the SWC Offensive Newcomer of the Year as a freshman and was the recipient of the Gordon Campbell Senior Spirit Award in 1984. He played 3 seasons of pro football in the Canadian Football League with Edmonton and Ottawa.

**Tommy Tice** – After graduating from the U of A, Tice coached at the Jr. High level until Huntsville hired Tice in 1974 to be their head football coach. He coached there from 1974 to 1981, leading the Eagles to a record of 58-27-1. His teams won 4 district titles and were the state semi-finalists. His 29-year career as the head coach and athletic director of the Harrison Goblins began in 1982. At Harrison, he had a record of 217-97-5. His teams won a total of 9 district titles, made 4 Final Four appearances in state championships, 6 state semi-

final games, and 1 state championship in 1999, when his team went undefeated. Tice moved back to Huntsville in 2011 to become that school's head football coach. He retired from coaching in 2015 and became Huntsville's athletic director. When he retired from coaching, he was the winningest active football coach in Arkansas. His career record of 289-160-6 is 3<sup>rd</sup> place on all-time wins by an Arkansas high school football coach. He was selected as AR Coach of the Year 13 times. In 1999, Tice was named the National Coach of the Year for Arkansas. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 2017.

### **Dr. Delores "Dolly" Brumfield White**

White was born Delores Brumfield in Prichard, AL. She loved baseball and joined some of her father's workers for games. As WWII began, many minor league baseball teams went out of business. Philip Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, formed the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). In 1946, Delores tried out for the team, but was told she was too young at 14. Though she was still underage at 15, Brumfield reported to Havana, Cuba, in 1947 and begin spring training. She played for the South Bend Blue Sox, playing in 39 games. Because she was so young, one of her teammates gave her the nickname, "Dolly." At age 16, Dolly was traded to the Kenosha Comets. In 1949 she joined the Ft. Wayne Daisies. The Daisies won the league championship with a 67-42 record. Her last season in the AAGPBL was 1953, where the Daisies again won the league championship. The AAGPBL folded in 1954, and a movie "A League of Their Own" was made about the AAGPBL. In 1963, she began teaching HPER at Henderson State. She helped organize the Diamond Reddies at HSU and was instrumental in securing funds to build a new softball field at HSU. She was inducted into the HSU Reddie Hall of Honor in 1998. The HSU softball field was named the "Delores Brumfield White Softball Field" in her honor.

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**Fred Allen** - A Little Rock native, Allen played basketball at Little Rock Central from 1969-72. He became the first African American 10<sup>th</sup> grader to

become a full-time starter on the varsity team. He guided Central to two 4A State Championships in 1970 and '72, a second-place finish 1971, and an Overall State Championship in 1972. He led his team in scoring, averaging 30 points per game. His talents led him to shatter previous records, including scoring 125 points in four games. He was selected All-Conference three times, All-State twice, played in the All-Star game, and was named to the "Scouting Systems of America" All-America team in. He started playing collegiately at Western Texas College and transferred to Middle Tennessee State, where he played 1973-76. He led the Blue Raiders in scoring his sophomore year and was voted Newcomer of the Year and honorable mention All-Conference. For a career, Allen scored 1,108 points, averaging 13.7 PPG.

**Glen Ray Hines** – A native of El Dorado, AR, Hines played offensive line for the Razorbacks. Hines helped lead the Hogs to a 25-7 record, including an 11-0 record in 1964 on the way to a national championship. He was part of a school-record 22-game winning streak. Hines was a consensus All-America in 1965, recognized by the American Football Coaches Association, the AP, the Football Writers Association of America, and the Walter Camp Foundation. He earned All-SWC honors in 1965 and 1966. In 1965, the Houston Post named Hines the SWC Outstanding Player. Hines was also named to the Coaches All-America Game, College All-Star Game and the Hula Bowl. A member of the UA All-Century team, Hines was named to the Razorbacks' 1960s All-Decade squad. Hines went on to an eight-year professional football career with Houston, New Orleans, and Pittsburgh. Hines was an AFL All-Star in both 1968 and 1969 before retiring in 1973. In 2005, Hines was named to the Football Digest All-Time Oilers Team. He was inducted into the UA Sports Hall of Honor, Union County Sports Hall of Fame, and Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

**Jeff King** – A native of Marion, IN, King spent his Razorback career over the 1984 - 86 seasons. King was an All-SWC and All-America selection all three seasons, as well as making the SWC All-Tournament Team. He holds the third-highest career batting



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average at .372. He was a key part of the Hogs run to the 1985 College World Series where he had 93 hits, 26 doubles, 17 home runs and 82 RBIs. King entered the 1986 MLB Draft and was taken as the No. 1 overall pick by Pittsburgh. King remains as the only first overall pick in Razorback history. King played 11 years at the pro level from 1989-1999, spending eight years in Pittsburgh and three years in Kansas City. His best season came in his final year in Pittsburgh in 1996 where he hit .271, with 30 home runs and 111 RBIs. He signed with the Kansas City Royals in 1999. King finished his career with a .256 average, 1,091 hits and 154 home runs in 1,201 games. He also finished his career with two homers in the same inning in 1995 and 1996. King is a member of the U of A Sports Hall of Honor and the SWC Hall of Fame.

**Freddie Scott** – A native of Grady, AR, Scott's father passed away when he was only 2 years old. His mother and the family moved to Pine Bluff. He attended Pine Bluff's Southeast High School. He was All-City and All-County in basketball, a center fielder on the baseball team and a starter on the football team as a senior. He went on to play college football at Amherst College in Amherst, MA (1971-73). As a senior co-captain, Scott's career receiving yardage was 2,336 yards with 27 TDs, both New England records. He is still ranked #1 at Amherst in career yards, career receptions, career TD's, and single season TD's. He was named New England College Division Player of the Year by the UPI, was a two-time All Eastern College Athletic Conference, selected to play in the North-South game, and named Little All-America. Scott was drafted in the 7<sup>th</sup> round, 174<sup>th</sup> overall pick in the 1974 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Colts. He played 10 years in the NFL. He played 4 years for the Colts 1974-77 and was traded to the Detroit Lions where he played 6 years and finished his career in 1983. Scott was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

**Shekinna Stricklen** – Stricklen may arguably be the best female basketball player to come from the state of Arkansas. At Morrilton, she led her team to an AAAA state basketball championship in 2006, where she was named the MVP. She was named All-State and All-Conference all four

years. She was Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year twice, McDonald's All-America, Parade Magazine All-America 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team, and USA Today All-USA 1<sup>st</sup> Team. Stricklen played collegiately for the Tennessee Lady Vols. Her 2009 Freshman year at UT, she was selected All-SEC, SEC All-Freshman Team, AP Honorable Mention All-America, and USBWA Freshman of the Year. Her sophomore year, she was All-SEC, SEC All-Tournament Team, and AP Honorable Mention All-America. Her junior year, she was All-SEC, SEC All-Tournament Team, SEC Tournament MVP, SEC Player of the Year, NCAA All-Region, WBCA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-America, AP 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-America, and selected to the 2011 U.S. National Team. In Stricklen's 2012 final season with the Lady Vols, she was All-SEC, SEC All-Tournament Team, NCAA All-Region, and AP 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-America. Stricklen was selected second overall by Seattle in the 2012 WNBA Draft. She was traded to Connecticut in 2015 and re-signed to a two-year contract with the Sun in 2016 and in 2018. In 2020, Stricklen signed a two-year contract with Atlanta and finished her career there in 2022.

**Steve Sullivan** – A native of Massachusetts, Sullivan, better known as "Sully", has been covering sports in Arkansas for a long time. Sullivan is a graduate of Arkansas State. After graduating from A-State, he would begin his highly successful sports broadcasting career. Forty years in Arkansas television, including 24 years at KATV. Sully has been named Arkansas Sportscaster of the year five times and has won the AP Best Sportscast Award 13 times at KATV. The Arkansas Activities Association honored Sully with its distinguished media member award, and Sully has been inducted into the Arkansas Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. From Basil "The Great Shabazz" to "Lightning" Freddie Knighten, no one enjoys Friday night football more than Sully. KATV's Friday Night Touchdowns has won multiple awards. On Saturdays, if he's not following the Hogs, you can usually find Sully covering a youth game. Sully's Little Heroes has become one of the station's most popular features. The Little Rock Touchdown Club has a "Sully Award" that is named after him that is presented annually to the top broadcast play call during both high

school and college football games for the season.

**Jimmy Walker** – A native of Little Rock, Walker played linebacker at Central. At the summer All-Star game, he moved to tackle and was named MVP. The Razorbacks took notice and offered him a scholarship. Walker played defensive tackle for the Razorbacks 1975-78. He led the team in tackles for loss during his final two seasons, compiling 15 in 1977 and 19 in 1978. Walker was selected as the Defensive MVP in the 1978 Fiesta Bowl. Walker was also part of the ferocious defense that upset the Oklahoma Sooners in the Orange Bowl in 1978, winning 31-6. Walker was a two-time All-SWC honoree and a 1978 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-America. Walker played seven years professionally. Three in Canada, three with the USFL, and his final season with the Minnesota Vikings. Walker was inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor, SWC Conference Hall of Fame and was selected to the U of A 1970's All-Decade Team.

**Larry Walton** – Walton designed and oversaw construction of the South's first indoor tennis complex at Burns Park Tennis Center. He was its first director and head tennis professional. He was the first to bring professional tennis tournaments to AR in the 1970's. Burns Park became the first public park in America to host Davis Cup matches, when in 1973, the longest doubles match in the competition's history entertained the crowd. For six years, Walton hosted the AR International Tennis Tournament, with world #1 Jimmy Connors being the marquee player for two years in a row. During his 13 years at Burns Park, he brought a total of 18 pro tennis tournaments, including World Team Tennis and women's first professional tour, the Lionel Cup to Burns Park. While coaching tennis at UALR, teams had victories over teams ranked in the top 25 nationally, came within one point of defeating the nation's #1 team, SMU, and hosted a national NCAA tournament. He established AR's first tennis academy at Fairfield Bay Resort and established an annual mixed doubles tournament that drew 350-plus players. Walton was the Arkansas Tennis Association's first executive secretary in 1973 and was inducted into the Arkansas Tennis Hall of Fame in 1990.