

1986 INDUCTEE



WILLIAM A. GRIFFIN

Category: Player

School(s): Atkins High School

William A. "Head" Griffin - was a three sport star in basketball, football, and track, 1950-54, at Atkins High School. In basketball, Griffin played center and led his team to State Championships in 1952 and 1953. Both years Griffin was voted the State Tournament's most valuable player. In football, as captain, and a "sixty-minute" man, he led his football team to State Championships in 1953 and 1954 playing three positions: offensive end; defensive linebacker and kicker. In track, Griffin was a star sprinter in 100 and 220 yard dashes, finishing fourth in the 100 yard dash.

He coached in the Pop Warner Tiny Indians Football Little League Program for fifteen years, winning three City Championships. After a stint in the military, Griffin took a job with R. I. Reynolds Tobacco, where he works today as a machine operator.



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RUPERT BELL

Category: Player

School(s): Columbia Heights High School

Rupert Bell attended Columbia Heights High School and was an all round athlete excelling in basketball, baseball and was an All-State Running Back in 1930.

After graduating from Columbia Heights High School, Bell attended Winston-Salem Teachers College, North Carolina A & T State University and Clark College.

In 1945 Bell was employed by the City of Winston-Salem's Recreation Department and 31 years later, in December 1976 he retired.

During his tenure Bell was the first black to serve as a Center Director. He was Center Director at Happy Hill, Fourteenth Street and Skyland Recreation Center. Bell was also organizer and first director of the Golden Age Senior Citizens Club.

In February 1979 the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Commission, in recognition of Bell's many contributions to the city's recreation program, resolved to rename the East Winston Park, the Rupert W. Bell Park. The resolution was adopted on March 7, 1979 by the Board of Aldermen. The Park is located on File St. Bell Died in December, 1977.



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STAN CREWS

Category: Player

School(s): R. J. Reynolds High School

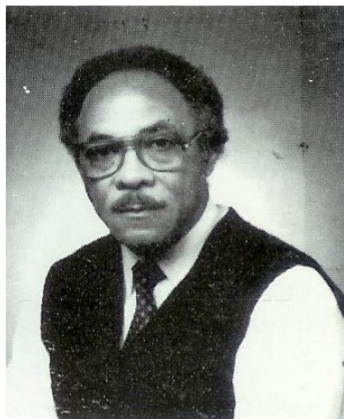
Stan "Gabby" Crews - 1967-69 R. J. Reynolds High School. Crews started playing football with a midget program in Greenville, S.C. He played on the Dalton Jr. High team and had three years of varsity football at Reynolds High School.

Crews led the Reynolds offensive for three years, running from wingback and tailback. He scored 25 touchdowns in 1968, and led Reynolds to a 10-0 record in regular season play. The Demons won the Group II Central 4-A Conference title. Stan was an outstanding pass receiver and blocker. He also played in the defensive backfield.

He won the Thorn McAnn Award for being the most outstanding high school football player in Winston-Salem. He was the most valuable player on Reynolds's team and the top offensive performer. Crews made All-City and All-Conference in 1968-69. He was chosen on the N.C. team for the Shrine Bowl and was a starter at halfback. He scored North Carolina's only touchdown. He set a Shrine record by catching an 84 yd. touchdown pass.



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JAMES M. WEBSTER SR.

Category: Player

School(s): Atkins High School

James Murphy Webster was a two-sport letterman who starred in football and basketball at Atkins High School (1946-50).

Webster was named an All-State flanker in the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association (NCNHSAA) for the 1947, 1948, and 1949 seasons.

As the heaviest player to be selected to the 1949 All-State High Eleven (210), Webster anchored a team considered by the thirteen conference coaches and sports writers to be one of the most powerful squads ever recognized.

The Atkins High School football staff and players voted the sure-handed receiver Lineman- of-the- Year in 1949.

"Murk" excelled in basketball as a point-producing Center and defensive demon. He earned All-State honors in 1948 and 1949.

Webster is employed as a supervisor with RJ. Reynolds Tobacco Co.



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NORMA J. HARBIN

Category: Athletics Director/Coach

School(s): West Forsyth High School

Norma Harbin received a B.S. Degree in Physical Education, Health and English; M.A. Degree in Administration and Physical Ed. from Appalachian State University.

Harbin has been in High School Athletics as a coach or administrator for the past 25 years, teaching Physical Ed. and coaching at several schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

At West Forsyth High School she was the first female Athletic Director of a 4-A high school in North Carolina. She was instrumental and closely involved with the building of a new gymnasium and improving Athletic facilities at West Forsyth.

During her coaching tenure, Norma captured fourteen conference championships, five City/County Tournaments and six regular season championships.

Norma has received a Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Achievement in Athletic Administration, the Tom Cash Coaches Award, was nominated in 1985 for the Athletic Director of the Year Award and was the first person to serve on the Board of Directors for the NCAOA and the NCHSAA simultaneously.



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HOMER "JOBY" HAWN

Special Category: Official

Homer C. "Joby" Hawn - Outstanding local high school game official in Basketball and Baseball 1934-47. He was the senior basketball official at the Frank Spencer Invitational Tournament for 10 years at R.J. Reynolds High School gym. On May 20, 1983, Governor James Hunt, taking note of the selection of Joby Hawn as YMCA Volunteer of the Year and Senior Citizen of the Year in Forsyth County appointed him to the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Governor Hunt, in presenting the honor to Hawn, cited him for having "served North Carolina in so many ways, contributing willingly and conscientiously to the community his unique-talents. He became Head Coach in football at R. J. High School in Sept. of 1930. In 1934 he coached the Reynolds Football Team to the Western Championship. He coached and taught at the high school level for 20 years.

Hawn officiated football, basketball and baseball in the Southern and Atlantic Coast Conference. Officiated in the Sugar Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl, Gator Bowl and the Dixie Bowl. Organized and ran the Carolinas Booking Office for Officials from 1953 to 1963. First full-time Commissioner of the Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference from 1962 to 1976.

