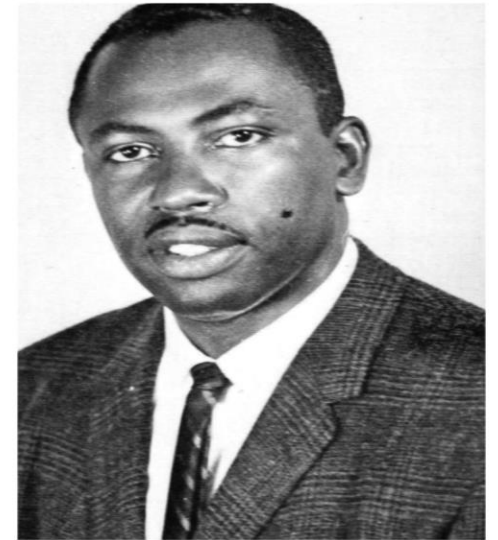


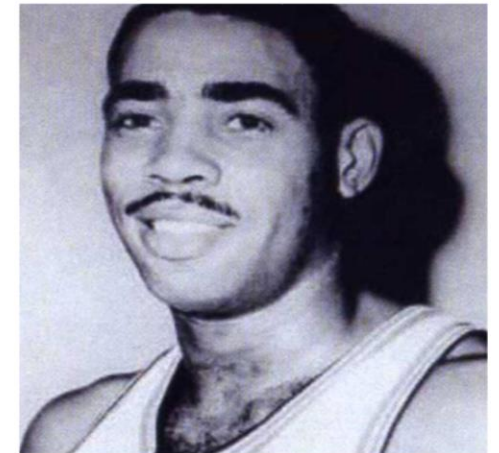
2009 Grambling Legend Hall of Famers

2009 Hall of Fame Legends	Category
Tommie Agee	Baseball
Willie Brown	Football
Buck Buchanan	Football
Willie Davis	Football
Henry Dyer	Football
Ralph Garr	Baseball
Charles Hardnett	Basketball
Fred Hobdy	Contributor
Robert Hopkins	Basketball
Autry Lane Howell	Football
Stone Johnson	Track
Charles Joiner	Football
Ralph W.E. Jones	Contributor
Willie Joseph	Football
Ernie Ladd	Football
Legolian "Boots" Moore	Football
Edward "Bo" Murray	Football
Collie J. Nicholson	Contributor
Willis Reed	Basketball
Helen Richards-Smith	Contributor
Eddie Robinson	Contributor
Richard Stebbins	Track
Hershell West	Basketball
Willie Young	Football
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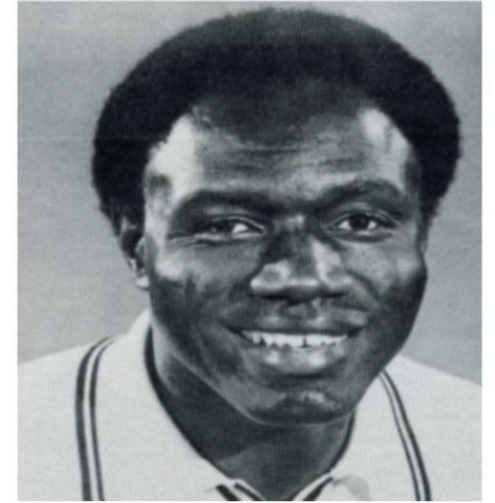
A member of the GSU, Louisiana and Southwestern Athletic Conference halls of fame Hobdy served as athletic director at GSU from August 1989 until September 1996. During his highly successful reign as GSU's head basketball coach, Hobdy's team posted 572 wins and 288 losses. Hobdy's 1961 team, which was paced by former NBA star Willis Reed, won the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) championship. A native of Winnfield, Hobdy played football and basketball under coach Eddie Robinson and was a baseball player for President-Coach R.W.E. Jones. He earned his undergraduate degree from Grambling. Prior to graduating, his education was halted as he served in World War II from 1942-1945. He earned a master's degree from Iowa State University in 1953. Hobdy coached 25 All-Americans at Grambling and had 18 players who went on to play professional basketball. His teams won seven SWAC championships (1959, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1971, and 1972). In addition to winning the 1961 NAIA title, his squads also earned two Midwest Conference championships, two NCAA regional championships and four NAIA district titles. Fifteen of his 30 GSU teams won 20 or more games; two won 30 or more. Fred will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



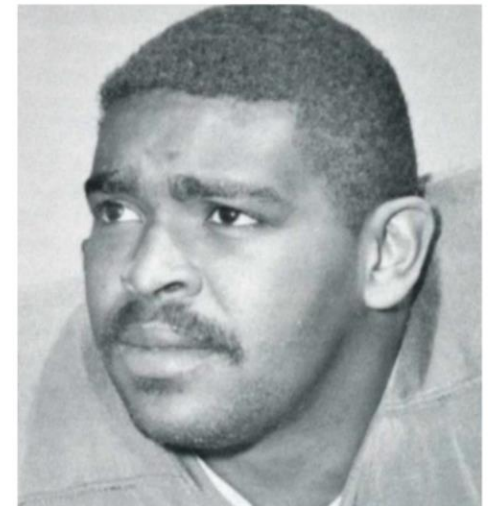
Charles "Charlie Red" Hardnett, former NBA basketball player, attended Grambling in 1958, where he was coached by Fred Hobdy and became an instant success. In 1960-1961, he was NAIA All-American and won a NAIA Basketball Championship, the 2nd HBCU to win the event (Only National Championship for First All-Time at Grambling). Hardnett became the First African American drafted by the NBA from an HBCU in the state of Louisiana. In 1973, Hardnett was elected to the NAIA Hall of Fame as an athlete. Hardnett was drafted in the 3rd round (3rd pick) of the 1962 NBA draft by the St. Louis Hawks. He played for the Chicago Zephyrs (NBA) in the 1962-63 season and the Baltimore Bullets from 1963 to 1965. Later, Hardnett scored nearly 2,000 points over 165 NBA games. Hardnett also coached at the college level. Charlie will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



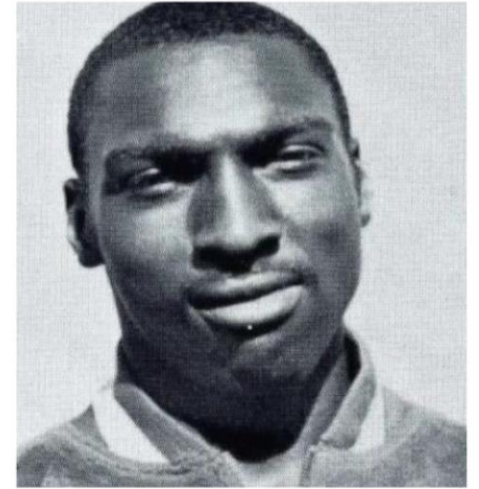
Robert M.(Bob) Hopkins, National Basketball Association player and coach. He is in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, and his uniform is on display at the Naismith Basketball of Hall of Fame. Hopkins scored 3,759 points in 138 games at Grambling for a 29.1 average, the national record for 47 years, and then played in the NBA for four seasons with the Syracuse Nationals. He coached the Seattle SuperSonics during part of the 1977-1978 seasons. Under new Coach Bob Hopkins, the SuperSonics had a different look as a veteran Paul Silas, rookie Jack Sikma, a shot blocker Marvin Webster, volatile Gus Williams, and dependable John Johnson joined the team. Robert Hopkins is and will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



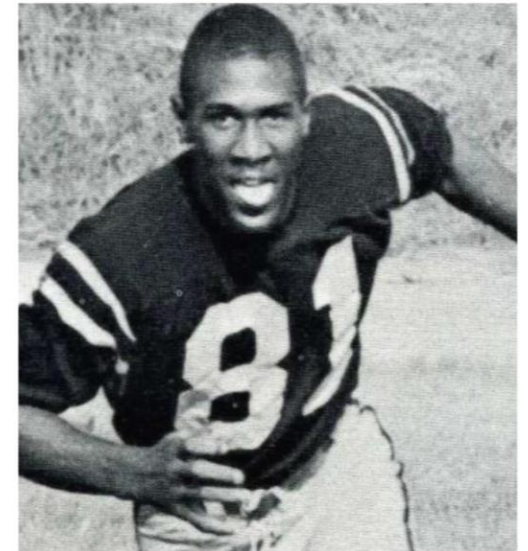
Autrey Lane Howell (born July 28, 1941 in Monroe, Louisiana) attended Carroll High School in Louisiana where we were recruited by Coach Eddie Robinson to play football at Grambling State University. Speaking of Coach Rob's visit to Carroll Howell said "I wanted to be one of those big Tigers", "When Coach came to recruit me, he didn't know it, but he already had me." Grambling won its first Southwestern Athletic Conference title with Lane up front, establishing a 23-5-2 mark between 1960-62. Howell performed his duties as a two-way lineman for the Tigers and was the first of three brothers to star for Coach Eddie Robinson. The Howell brothers became pro football's family affair, Lane along with his younger brothers would all move on to have very successful careers in NFL. Lane Howell made his debut as a professional football player in 1963 as a defensive tackle for the New York Giants he also played for the Philadelphia Eagles and would retire from professional football in 1970. Lane Howell is and will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



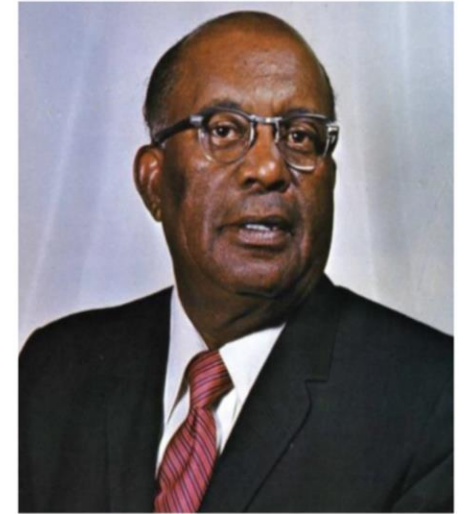
Stone Edward Johnson (April 26, 1940- September 8, 1963) was identified with speed. He was so fast in fact he won the 1960 NA/N national 200-meter title, Johnson was also a wingback and punter (averaging 36 yards per kick) for the tiger squad helping earn Grambling its first SWAC title. The rookie Johnson's love of sprinting would earn him a spin in the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome as a sprinter. Set to play as a kick returner & running back for the Kansas City Chiefs it looked as though Johnson's life was poised for a bright future but on August 30, 1963 all of that would change. While participating in a pre-season game with the Oakland Raiders in Wichita, Kansas. Johnson suffered a fractured vertebra in his neck. He died 10 days later, on September 8 at the age of 23. Although he was never on the chief's active roster during a season his jersey number 33 was retired. Stone Johnson is now and will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



Charles Joiner Jr. (born October 14, 1947) graduated from Grambling State University in 1969 and was drafted in the fourth round by the American Football League's Houston Oilers. He was elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1996. He set a franchise record with 200 receiving yards in a single game while playing with the Bengals. It was with the Chargers that Joiner had his most productive years, exceeding 1,000 yards receiving in a season four times and going to three Pro Bowls (1976, 1979-80). Joiner was selected All-Pro in 1980 and 2nd Team All-AFC in 1976. Joiner finished his 18 AFL/NFL seasons with 750 receptions for 12, 146 yards and 65 touchdowns. He also rushed for 22 yards and returned 10 kickoffs for 194 yards. Following his playing career, Joiner successfully transitioned into a receiver's coach with the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Diego Chargers. In 1999, he was ranked number 100 on the Sporting News' list of the 100 Greatest Football Players. Joiner is currently the wide receivers coach of the San Diego Chargers. Charlie Joiner is now and will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



Dr. Jones, the grandson of a slave, was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana on Aug. 6, 1905. His father, John S. Jones, was the first dean of Southern University, where the former Grambling president received a bachelor's degree, and his mother was a school teacher in Lake Charles, La. Dr. Jones went to Grambling in 1926, when it was the Lincoln Parish Training School, a two-year teachers' institute. He started out as an instructor in chemistry, physics and mathematics. In his early years, there, he started a baseball team, served as dean of men, formed a band and held the post of registrar. At the age of 30 he became the president of the school and continued to serve as baseball coach while heading the college. He was president of Grambling, a college of 4,000 students in Grambling, La, from 1936 until his retirement in 1977. For his part in helping to make Grambling University what it has become today, Ralph W.E. Jones is now and forever will be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



Willie Joseph is a legendary football player from Grambling State University. His nickname – “Automatic” – says it all; Joseph, over the 1947-49 seasons, established a 48- point school record for career points by a kicker that still stands. Grambling wouldn't lose more than three games in a season over that span. While at Grambling when PAT kicker Willie “Automatic” Joseph lined up on pigskin it was a sure thing it would split the uprights. Willie Joseph is now and forever will be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



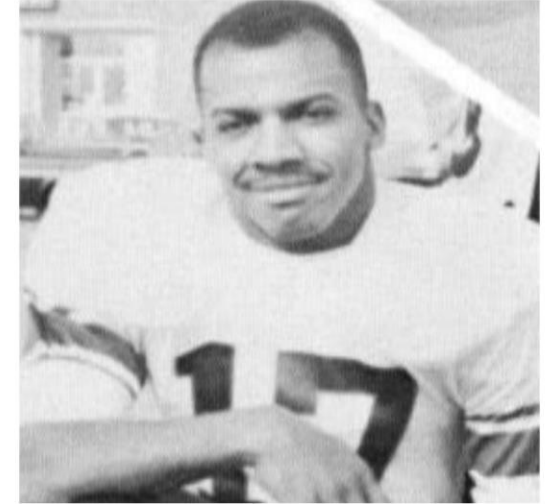
Ernest “Ernie” Ladd (November 28, 1939- March 10, 2007), nicknamed “The Big Cat” was an American collegiate and professional football player and a professional wrestler. The American Football League’s San Diego Chargers selected the Grambling State University standout with their 15th pick in the 1961 draft. At 6’9” and 315 pounds, Ladd was arguably the biggest and strongest man in professional football during his era. Ladd played in three AFL championship games, helping the Chargers win the American Football League All-Star from 1962 through 1965. In 1961, he was inducted into the San Diego Chargers Hall of Fame. Ladd became one of wrestling’s most hated heels during the 1970’s, as well as one of the first black wrestlers to portray a heel character. Ladd wrestled for number of different wrestling associations, including the World-Wide Wrestling Federation. Ladd retired from wrestling in 1986. He would occasionally do color commentary at certain WWF events, usually teamed with Gorilla Monsoon. He was inducted into the WWF Hall of Fame in 1995. Ladd died on March 10, 2007 having battled cancer since 2004. Ernie Ladd is now and forever will be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



Richard V. Stebbins was born on June 14, 1945 in Los Angeles, CA. The five 100 and 200-yard dash records as well as the long jump records that he set at his high school still stand today, 50 years later. Stebbins attended Grambling State University from 1963-1967 where he was a 4-time NA/A All-American and 3-time SWAC All-Conference. While at Grambling he was part of the best sprint relay team in the United States which tied the world record. In 1964 at the Tokyo Olympics, Stebbins won a Gold Medal as a member of the 4x100 relay which set a new world and Olympic record that stood for 4 years. After graduating Cum Laude from Grambling with a BA in History, Stebbins was drafted by the New York Giants and played for 2 years in NFL with the Giants and Houston Oilers. In 1972 he received a M.A. in Student Personnel Administration from Howard University. Stebbins’ current position is with the Howard County Unified School System as a middle school World History and Geography teacher. Stebbins is currently a sports motivational speaker for the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Richard Stebbins is now and forever will be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



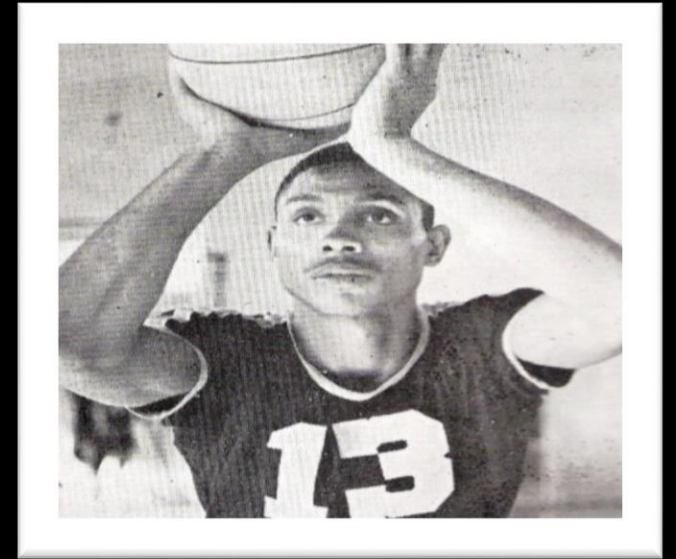
A critical piece of Grambling's 1955 undefeated team, the then-redshirt sophomore won the Orange Blossom Classic on scoring runs of 75 and 8 yards. He also kicked the extra point on his winning TD, beating Florida A&M 28-21. Edward "Bo" Murray will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



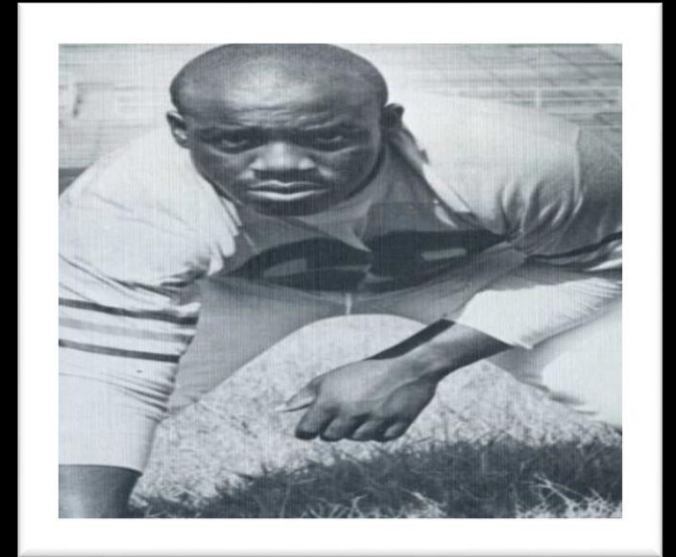
Grambling Legend, "Boots" helped Grambling to its semi-final 21-6 win over Southern University in 1946; a first time ever moment that legendary coach Eddie Robinson always said the program on the map. Later Mr. Moore toured with the Harlem Globetrotters. Legolian "Boots" Moore is and will forever be a Grambling



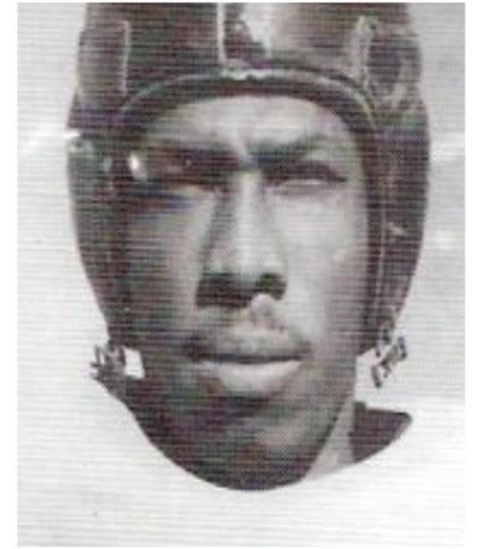
Helped Grambling to an NA/A national title in 1961, still the only men's basketball championship ever won in Louisiana. Hershell later mentored Larry Wright, a future NBA champion. "The best pure shooting guard we've ever had," The late coaching legend Fred Hobby once said of West, Second All-time leading scorer; second appearance; Hershell West, 15th Grambling (La.) (1960,61,63), 13 games, 116 field goals, 37 free throws, 269 total points, 20.7 average per game in the 1961 NA/A Men's Division I Basketball Tournament which was held in March at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri. The 24th annual NA/A basketball tournament featured 32 teams playing in a single-elimination format. The championship game featured the 13th seeded Grambling and the 3rd seeded Georgetown. For the first time since seeding, in 1958, the 3rd place game featured the 1st and 2nd seeds, Northern Michigan, and Westminster. Hershell West was the second pick in round two of the 1963 draft. For all his hard work and determination Hershell West is now and will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Fame



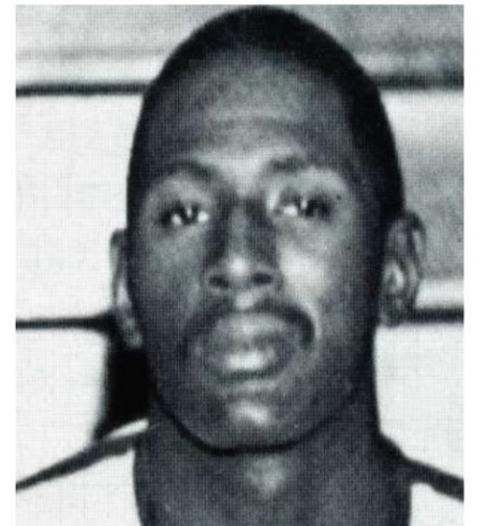
William Joseph Lull Young was born June 27, 1943 in Ruston, Louisiana. He played college football at Grambling University in 1965 where he was a two-time All- Southern Athletic Conference first-team offensive guard. He played a major part in helping Grambling win its second SWAC title. Willie would go on to become an American football standout who played offensive tackle for then seasons in the National Football League with the New York Giants. Willie Young will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



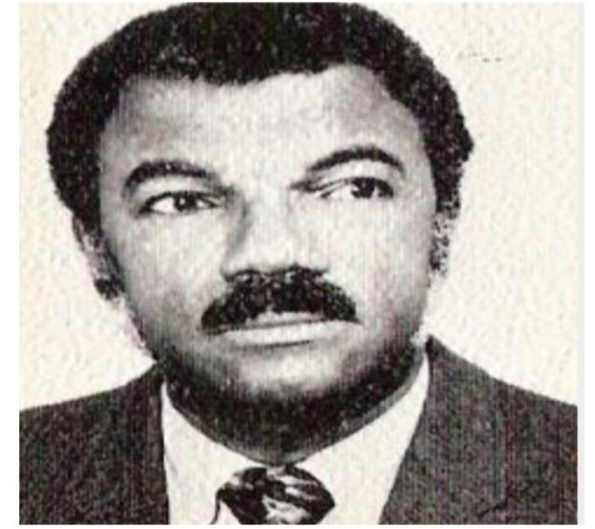
Paul “Tank” Younger was the first player in the NFL from a historically Black College, a graduate of Grambling State University, and the first African American to become a front office executive in the NFL. A 6-foot-3-inch, 225- pounder, Younger was a formidable precise who gained his nickname while playing at Grambling, where his godfather, Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones, was president. He earned the nickname “Tank” by running over everything that got in front of him. A record- setting career in the backfield and at linebacker earned him a spot on the 1948 Pittsburgh Courier All-America team. In his junior year, he rushed for 1,207 yards and scored 18 touchdowns. Younger also completed 43 of 73 pass attempts, 11 for touchdowns. His career totals show 60 touchdowns, which, at all the time, was a collegiate record. Younger had a very successful NFL career with the Rams and Pittsburgh Steelers, earning Pro Bowl status five times. Playing nine seasons with the Rams and one year with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Younger gained 3,640 yards, averaging 4.7 yards a carry, and scored 34 touchdowns. He later scouted for the Rams, served as assistant general manager for the San Diego Chargers from 1975 to 1987. He served as a front-office scout and executive with the Rams until 1975 and Assistant General Manager with San Diego until 1987 and returned to the Rams before retiring in 1995. He was inducted into the College Football Hall



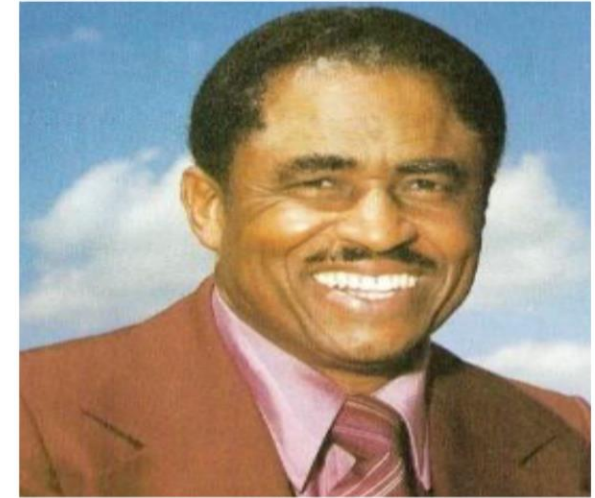
Willis Reed Jr. (born June 25, 1942 in Louisiana) is a retired American basketball player. He spent his entire professional playing career with the New York Knicks, and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982. At Grambling, where he played college basketball, Reed amassed 2,280 career points, averaged 26.8 points and 21.3 rebounds during his senior year, and led the school to one NA/A title and three Southwestern Athletic Conference Championships. Reed scored 21.1 points per game in 1968-69 and grabbed a franchise record 1,191 rebounds an average of 14.5 rebounds per game. In 1970, he became the first player in NBA history to be named the NBA All-Star Game MVP, the NBA regular season MVP, and the NBA Playoff MVP in the same season. Reed was enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982. He is widely considered as one of the greatest Knicks ever, with the likes of Walt Frazier and Patrick Ewing. In a 1997 poll entitled the NBA’S 50th Anniversary All-Time Team, Reed was selected as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History. He is currently the Vice President of Basketball Operations for the New Orleans Hornets



It was Nicholson who conceived of the classic-game concept, where Grambling traveled with its marching band to major American cities including the ground-breaking 1960's sell-out at Yankee Stadium. And Nicholson who established the neutral – site Bayou Classic rivalry game against Southern, which remains a cash cow for the university. And Nicholson who arranged a first-of-its-kind overseas trip for the program, as Grambling played games in Tokyo twice in the late 1970's. "I would like to be remembered as someone who tried to find a way to fit the Grambling program into the general marketplace," Nicholson told the News-Star in 2003. "I've tried my best to do that" He did it within the framework of a segregated society, and long before the modern, the fax machine and the all-day cable networks. Nobody short of legendary former coach Eddie Robinson himself launched more careers. Paul "Tank" Younger, who Nicholson relentlessly promoted after Younger scored a then- record 60 careers college. Paul "Tank" Younger, who Nicholson relentlessly promoted after Younger scored a then-record 60 career college touchdowns, signed with the Rams during Nicholson's initial year on the job as the first black college player ever in the pros. Collie will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



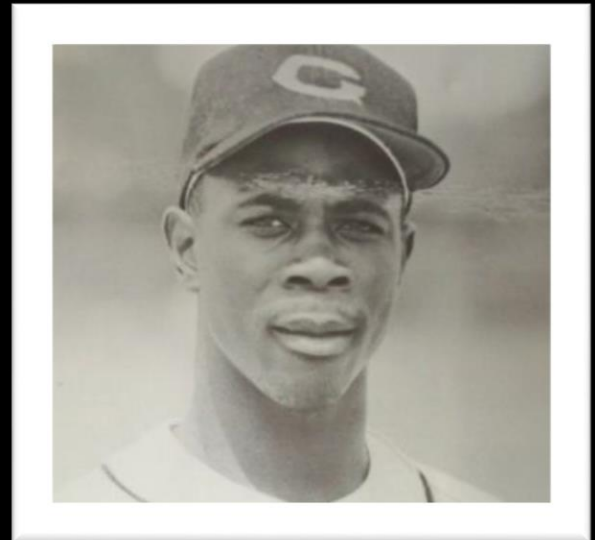
Coach Robinson spent 57 seasons consistently fielding stellar football teams and guiding his young charges to successful lives both on and off gridiron. He earned and unprecedented 408 college football victories to set the NCAA's benchmark for wins in Division I. Coach Robinson retired with an overall record of 408 wins, 165 losses, and 15 ties. More than 200 of his players went on to play in the National Football League, including Super Bowl XXII MVP quarterback Doug Williams, who would ultimately succeed Robinson as Grambling's head coach in 1998. On October 7, 1995, Robinson became the first college football coach to break the 400-win barrier, a mark once thought to be unreachable, in 1955, Grambling claimed the national Black College Championship by going 10-0 (the best record) in school history) and outscoring opponents by a 356-61 margin. Another of Robinson's former Tigers made NFL waves in 1963 as the late Junius "Buck" Bucharian became the first player from a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) to have been chosen first overall in the NFL Draft. In 1997 he was officially inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. For all he has contributed to Grambling tigers football, Coach Eddie Robinson will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



Helen Richards-Smith, was known as a savvy “roving” guard and was a team leader during the early days of women’s basketball at LNNII undergraduate school, she returned to the university and served in various capacities over a career that lasted over 40 years. For her service and contribution to Grambling University. Helen Richards Smith will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports hall of Famer.



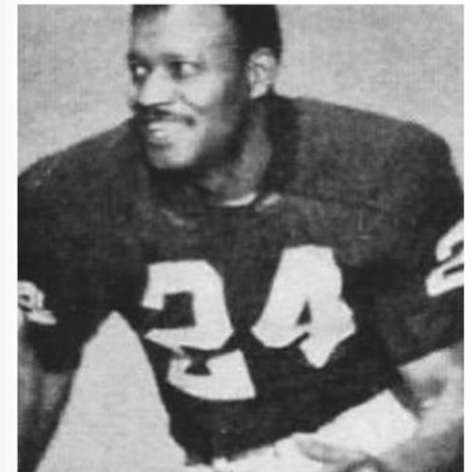
Ralph Allen Garr, former Major League Baseball athlete, played outfield for the Atlanta Braves, Chicago White Sox and California Angles. He attended left-handed and threw right. Garr attended Grambling State University, though considered far too small to play at Grambling State University. He earned a scholarship and went on to lead the nation in batting average during his senior season. Garr led the National League in hitting in 1974 compiling a .353 average and being named to the National League All-Star team. He had 149 hits heading into the All-Star break that year, a record that still stands to this day. Garr batted .300 or better 5 times during his career. In 13-years, he batted .306 with 75 home runs and 408 RBIs in 1317 games. He had 1562 career hits in 5108 at bats, with 717 career runs scored. He later became a scout for the Atlanta Braves. Ralph will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer



Tommie Lee Agee (born August 9, 1942 in Magnolia, AL) was a star at Grambling University. He signed with the Cleveland Indians in 1962 and moved through the ranks. While in the majors he received very little attention until his 1966 season with the White Sox. That year he had 98 runs, 84 batted in and 44 stolen bases earning him the rookie of the year award and the golden glove award. In 1969 while with the Mets Agee hit 26 homers, scored 97 runs, and played brilliant defense. In April of that same year Agee would literally leave his mark on MLB in a game against the Montreal Expos. Tommie crushed a pinch hitting a homerun where the ball traveled halfway up into the 48th section of the left field upper deck at Shea Stadium, a feat that was never matched. A sign was painted there commemorating the homerun. Over his career Tommie would play in 1129 games have 999 hits 130 home runs and 433 RBI's in 1970 season, he would win his second Gold Glove award making him the first African American to win a Gold Glove in two leagues. In 2001 Agee passed away but his contribution to baseball and his help with numerous charitable events will live on forever. For his stellar abilities on and off the diamond Tommie Agee is now and will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



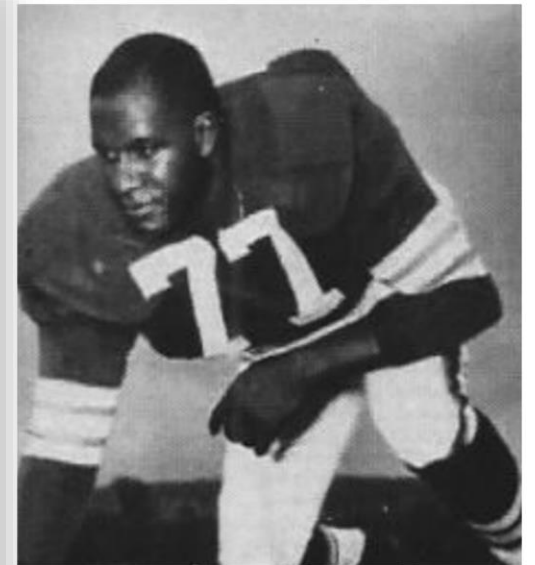
Willie Brown (born December 2, 1940 in Yazoo City, Mississippi) played collegiate football at Grambling University and was signed by the AFL's Denver Broncos and became a starter by the middle of his rookie season. He won All-AFL honors in his second season and played in the AFL All-Star Game, recording 9 interceptions for 144 yards. In 1967, Brown was traded to the AFL's Oakland Raiders and would spend the remainder of his career there. He served as defensive captain for 10 of his 12 years with the team. He was named to 5 AFL All-Star games and 4 NFL Pro Bowls. He was also named All-AFL 3 times and All-NFL 4 times. Willie Brown retired after the 1978 season, and finished his Raiders career with 39 interceptions, tied for first all-time on the team. Overall, he finished his 16 Pro Football seasons with 54 interceptions, which he returned for 472 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also recovered 3 fumbles. He is a member of the American Football League All-Time Team and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on July 28, 1984, his first year of eligibility. In 1999, he was ranked number 50 on The Sporting News' list of the 100 Greatest Football Players, making him the highest-ranking Raider player. Willie Brown will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



In the late 1950s Alabama native Buck Buchanan was offered one of the few scholarships then available to black students at Grambling University. His coach, the legendary Eddie Robinson was quoted as saying of Buck "he is one of the finest tackles I have ever seen." After college, Buchanan went on to play professional football with the Kansas City Chiefs. During Buchanan's 13 year professional career, he became the prototype of a true defensive lineman in the NFL. Buchanan was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990. After his football career, Buck Buchanan went on to have a successful business career as well. He also founded the Black Chamber of Commerce in Kansas City where he served as president from 1986 until 1989. Junior "Buck" Buchanan will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



Willie D. Davis (born July 24, 1934 in Lisbon, Louisiana) is a former American football defensive end for the Cleveland Browns and the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League. Willie grew up in rural Louisiana and graduated from Grambling State University. The Cleveland Browns drafted Davis in the 15th round in the 1956 NFL Draft. For 10 seasons, Davis anchored the Packers' defensive line; playing 138 consecutive regular-season games, part of 162 consecutive regular-season games for his NFL career. Davis was member to all 5 of Lombardi's NFL title-winning teams and played in Super Bowls I and II. Davis recovered 21 fumbles over his Packers career, which, more than three decades removed from his retirement, remains a team record. The Packers honored his retirement with a Willie Davis Day on December 21, 1969. Davis remains on Green Bay Packers Board of Directors. In the early 1970s, Davis worked as a color commentator on NFL telecasts for NBC. Davis was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981. He has been president of All-Pro Broadcasting, operators of radio stations KCXX-FM, KATY-FM, WLDB-FM, WLUM-FM, and WMCS since 1976. Willie Davis will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.



Henry Louis Dyer (born January 28, 1945 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana) is a former Grambling University All American as well as American football running back in the National Football League for the Los Angeles Rams and the Washington Redskins. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education in 1966. Grambling's leading runner in both 1963 and the SWAC title season of '65 Dyer was the school's first documented 1,000-yard rusher. He was named first-team All-SWAC at fullback from '63-'65, and scored 30 times in his final two years. He was drafted in the fourth round of the 1966 NFL Draft. In September of 1987, Mr. Dyer began as a head coach for Cal State L.A. Basketball Program. With skill and determination, Mr. Henry reformed the basketball program. During the 1994-1995 season, his team finished number three in the Western region by beating Cal State Bakersfield (two time defending champs) in the first round of the NCAA tournament. It was Cal State L.A.'s best finish since 1959. 7 of 9 seniors graduated off his 1994-1995 team. Henry Dyer served as Head Coach at Compton Junior College for three years. Under his leadership, his team went to the state junior college tournament for two consecutive years and finished in the Elite Eight in 1986-1987. Currently, Mr. Henry Dyer is a physical Education instructor in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. Henry Dyer will forever be a Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Famer.

