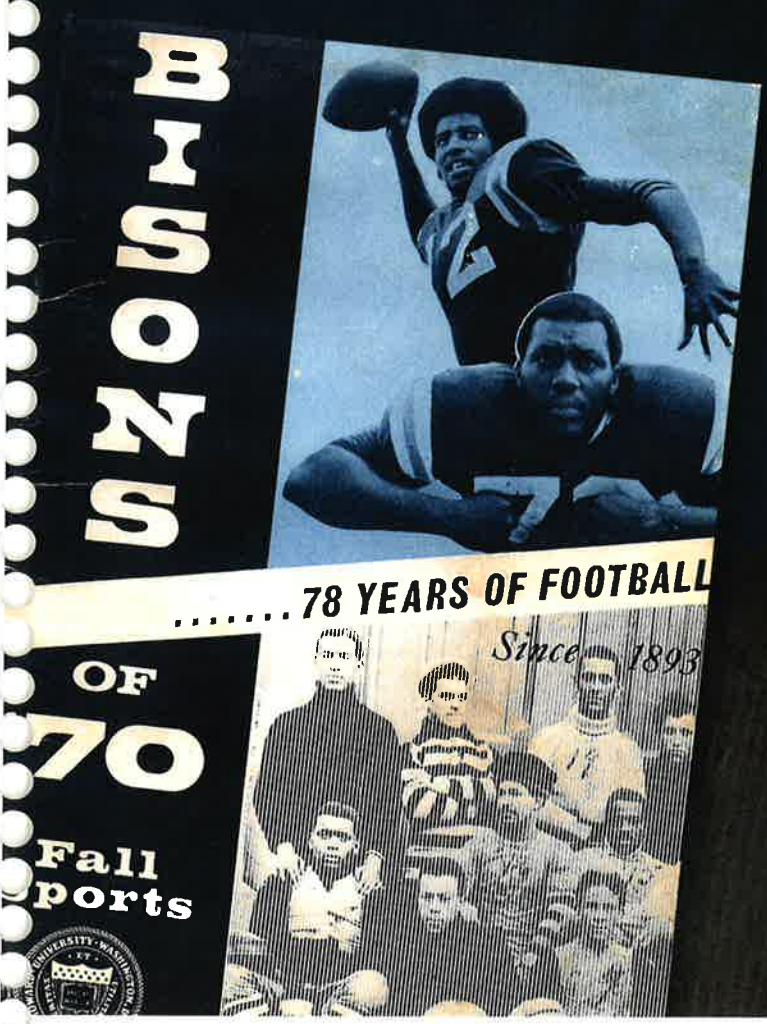


Howard University 2018 Hall of Fame Nomination

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**LAWRENCE "DEACON" JONES**



## **Lawrence “Deacon” Jones**

The enclosed application for the Howard University Hall of Fame is submitted on behalf of Lawrence “Deacon” Jones who was an outstanding two-way performer at offensive and defensive tackle for the Bison Football team 1968 – 1971. Lawrence “Deacon” Jones was an exceptional athlete who performed at a very high level of play and demonstrated excellence in all that he did during his time at Howard. He is worthy of inclusion with Howard’s many examples of excellence in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

From the inception of Deac’s arrival at Howard University he distinguished himself as a high octane player other players could look up to. He came to Howard from Campbell County High School in Rustburg, VA., a small segregated school, that in his last year of play was the Western District High School Champions, due in no small part to Deac’s performance on both offensive and defensive lines. His ability on both sides of the ball presented an interesting dilemma for his coaches as playing on both sides could limit his consideration for conference honors. Nominated for all-CIAA his freshman year as a standout defensive tackle, by sophomore year he made the sacrifice of honors to lend his talent where his team needed him, playing both offensive and defensive tackle. Deacon never looked back, or complained about his heavy lift for the team, even though he was the only Bison playing on both offense and defense. His dedication to team effort saw his coaches rely on him time and again to come up with the big block or the clutch tackle.

Teammates nicknamed Lawrence “Deacon” after David “Deacon” Jones of the Los Angeles Rams. That “Deacon” and ours made tackles from sideline to sideline and had a tendency to go upside the head! Like “Mean” Joe Greene of the Pittsburg Steelers, Lawrence was known for his leadership, fierce competitiveness, and intimidating style of play. He was a player our players look up to and learned from and other teams feared. Deac himself was fearless. He cared not the clippings of the other team, and always believed we could win regardless the odds – and we often beat predictions and did win.

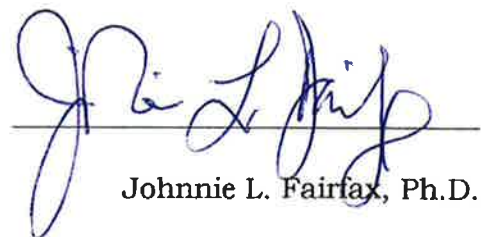
Off the field Lawrence “Deacon” Jones possessed the insight to realize athletes have impact on people beyond the field. In 1968, as a freshman, Deacon and other students on campus joined the Howard University Mississippi Project (HUMP). The student led movement was lending its voice and resources to help African Americans in the Mississippi Delta. Howard students traveled to Mississippi to help promote change in hopes that the future for

and African Americans in that state would be different. Deacon was unable to travel to Mississippi with his Howard brothers and sisters due to his obligations with the Bison football team. So Deac and others set out to establish HUMP in the District of Columbia Public Schools. It was decided that immediate impact could be accomplished by establishing a tutorial program at the Benjamin Banneker Elementary School. Assisting students at Banneker Elementary School was Deacon's way to give back and focus on his vision to help prepare young people for success in the real world.

The dedication to youth would become a way of life for Lawrence "Deacon" Jones. After graduating from Howard University in 1972 Lawrence secured a position with the City of Lynchburg, Virginia as the first African American to work as a Recreation Supervisor. His responsibilities included programming and personnel supervision for ten community centers and seven gyms. He moved back to the Washington metropolitan area in 1974 after marrying his college sweetheart. (They will celebrate forty-five years of marriage this year) The next thirty-four years were spent working for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission during which time Lawrence coached and mentored youth on and off the job.

Lawrence began first coaching 19 & Under basketball with the Recreation Department league. They won the championship in 1975. He moved to Boys & Girls Club coaching and worked with both the Silver Hill football program and the Kettering-Largo-Mitchellville Clubs. Not content to only coach the on-the-field fundamentals, Lawrence participated in a Boys & Girls Club exchange program that matched his players with a team in Canada. He worked to take the boys on a trip to Canada to learn about the differences and similarities in culture and broaden the horizon of his team. More than anything he stressed the importance of staying in school and avoiding the many pitfalls open to young men of color.

Today Lawrence "Deacon" Jones is a proud and supportive husband, father, grandfather, loyal friend and Bison. Anyone who knows Deac, knows he went to Howard and how much he loves the Capstone. Enclosed is evidence of his journey and I urge his inclusion in the 2018 Hall of Fame Class.



Johnnie L. Fairfax, Ph.D.

## HOWARD UNIVERSITY 2018 HALL of FAME NOMINATION

Name: Lawrence "Deacon" Jones

Sport: Football

Years played: 1968 – 1971

Date of Birth: ~~June 11, 1945~~

Category to be considered: Team Leader

Address: ~~1202 Kings Tree Drive~~

City: Mitchellville

State: Maryland

Zip Code: 20721

Home Phone: ~~301-249-1787~~

Cell Phone: ~~301-641-2457~~

Work Phone: n/a

Email Address: ~~lawn@cornet.com~~

Please list athletic accomplishments and attach documentation of ALL accomplishments. Feel free to use additional paper to complete this section:

**Team leader on both the offensive and defensive line**

- ◆ Began playing in 1968 as a freshman defensive line starter and was outstanding at that position. (See attached article "Howard Switches Defender Jones to Offense..")
- ◆ Nominated for all-CIAA team in his freshman season. (see article "Jones hopeful for Saturday)
- ◆ Lettered in Football all four years at Howard. (see Football certificate, letter sweater photo)
- ◆ In the 1969 season moved to offensive line and became a leader at that position as attested to by his selection as one of two current players to grace the cover of the 1970 media guide. While the move to the offensive line to bring some experience to that unit was initially thought to be permanent, Lawrence ended up playing both the offensive line and the defensive line for the remainder of his time at Howard – the only player to be so tasked by the coaches. (See attached article "Deacon preaches offense this year", Cover of 70s media guide)
- ◆ Mentored younger players on both the offensive and defensive lines, helping them to learn the fundamentals of their position and enhancing their ability to execute their assignments. He helped enable the players to perform in the face of great odds with the tenacity and courage required. (See letter from contemporary players)
- ◆ Considered for the 1972 National Football League draft by the Dallas Cowboys Football Club. (See letter from Dallas Cowboys)

Year of Graduation: 1972  
Major: Recreation  
Minor: History

Other Howard University student activities:

- ♥ Blood Drives (See article: "Out for Blood")
- ♥ Howard University Mississippi Project (HUMP) District of Columbia local ancillary activities including tutoring students at Banneker Elementary (See yearbook information and letter from contemporary players)

Did the nominee become a coach, professional or semi-professional athlete? If so, describe accomplishments.

- ♥ Became an accomplished youth recreation coach winning the 1975 basketball 19 & Under championship. (see certificate)
- ♥ Coached for the Prince George's County Boys & Girls Clubs and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in both Basketball and Football. (see letter John Love)

Name: Dr. Johnnie L. Fairfax

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City: Washington

State: District of Columbia

Zip: 20012

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Is the nominee aware of this submission? We STRONGLY recommend that you advise the nominee and involve him/her/the team with the nomination process. YES

Signature



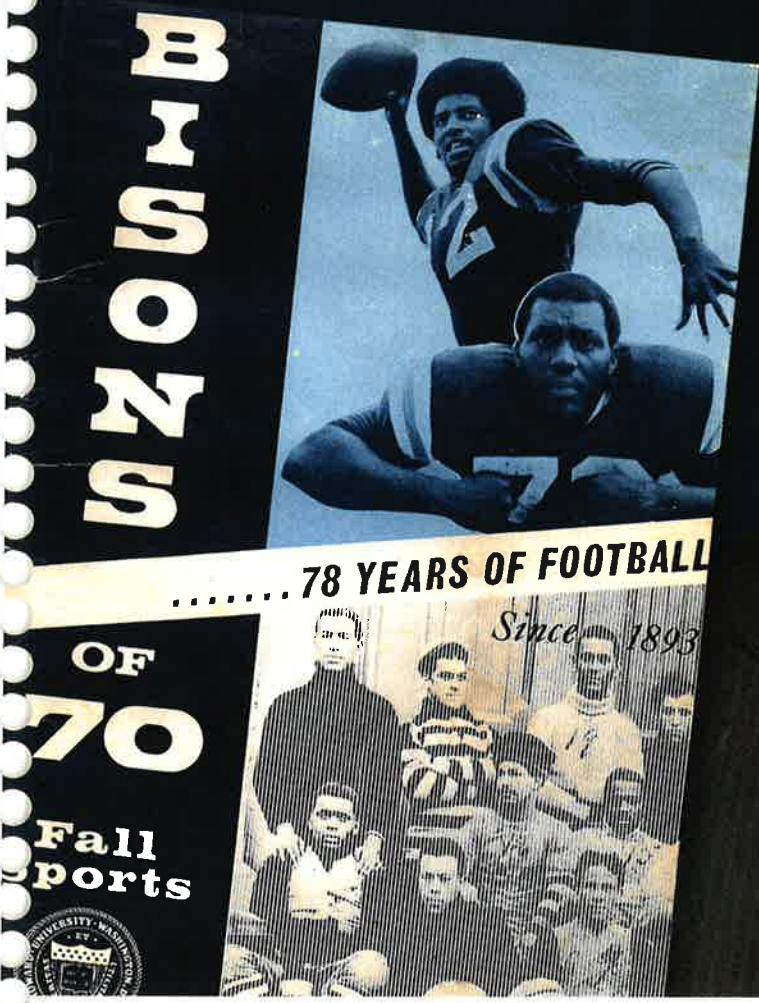
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Addendum to Support the Nomination of

**LAWRENCE "DEACON" JONES**

Class of 2018 Hall of Fame





February 16, 2018

Dr. Paul Cotton, Chairman  
Bison Express  
Hall of Fame Committee  
Howard University  
Sixth & Girard Streets, NW  
Washington, DC 20059

Dear Dr. Cotton and Committee Members:

We are writing to endorse the nomination of Lawrence "Deacon" Jones as a member of the 2018 Howard University Hall of Fame. It is important to look at his Bison career as one of accomplishment on and off the field. His on the field accomplishments earned such recognition that the Dallas Cowboys signaled their interest in drafting him to the NFL. As a leader, friend and mentor his off the field endeavors were equally compelling. "Deac's" field of play was broader and encompassed more than the gridiron. He is a Hall of Fame individual worthy of recognition for his role as an accomplished player, man and a proud Bison.

We, the undersigned contemporaries, witnessed Deacon's career as a two way player (1968-1971) whose hard work earned the reputation of coming up big when the team needed him most. Deacon paved the way for Bison running backs on the offensive line and disrupted the play of the opposing teams with his efforts on the Bison defensive line.

Those who played with him know that Deacon was blessed with quick feet and a tremendous first step off the ball. This capacity allowed him to get into great position and gain leverage on his opponent. He took painstaking time during practice to teach his technique to the younger Bison lineman. Deacon's exploits on the offensive line attest to the tenacity and grit that he displayed during his years as Bison.

Many linemen play hard, make significant contributions to the success of their team (and teammates) but go unheralded without the recognition they so richly deserve. Deacon toiled in the trenches where the real action was every play. He did it at a very high level on both sides of the ball for four seasons. Deacon's performances on the offensive line during the Virginia State and Maryland State games in 1970 were typical of his season when he dominated the aforementioned

teams' premier All CIAA tackles with signature power blocks up and down the field.

We believe that by playing both ways, Deacon sacrificed his best chance of becoming an All-American defensive lineman. When so tasked by our coaches, Deac worried not for his own prospects but rather for the good of the Bison team.

He helped the team in other ways. Deacon mentored his younger teammates on the offensive line to enhance their skill level and development. Beyond mentoring younger players, Deacons's athletic acumen and physical gifts were demonstrated in other settings. He was also a competitive shot putter and discus thrower for the Bison track team. However, Deacon wanted to be known as a good student who happened to a good athlete.

During our tenure at the *Capstone of Higher Education* we witnessed the historic movement of African Americans toward civil and human rights and a more just society. We were presented choices that demanded we face our responsibility to share our talents with those less fortunate than us. Young people of that time felt an irresistible call to action in this watershed moment of assassinations, demonstrations, and student unrest. This message was never more evident to Deacon and the athletes who bonded with Stokley Carmichael on a memorable occasion after football practice during the summer of 1968.





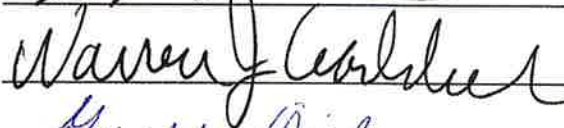

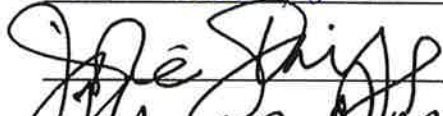
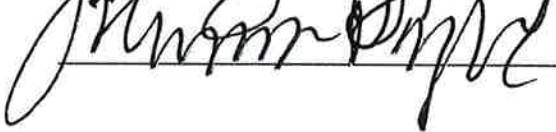
Deacon and several Howard athletes responded to Brother Stokley's call to get involved and not be "sleepers or slackers". Bison football players joined in the mission of the Howard University Mississippi Project, conducted blood drives on campus, and lent support at rallies and other activities that took place at Howard University.

As stated earlier, Deacon did not take his education lightly. He challenged himself and his teammates to display excellence in the classroom. Excellence in the classroom resulted in a Bison team of veteran players. As a responsible student athlete, Deacon graduated with his Bachelors of Science degree in four years. He exhibited all the qualities of excellence on and off the field we have come to cherish as demonstrating the best in Howard athletics.

In closing, we believe Deacon's leadership and superb performances during his playing days as a Bison should earn his installment into the 2018 Bison Hall of Fame. We respectfully endorse his name for your deliberation.

Respectfully,

Signatures to the letter of support for the Hall of Fame Nomination of  
Lawrence "Deacon" Jones

Glenn Harris		2-17-18
Eugene "Rock" Newman		2/17/18
Donald Ware		2/16/2018
Bruce Williams		2/17/2018
Warren Craddock		2/17/2018
Gerald Dial		2/16/2018
Johnnie Fairfax		2/15/18
Thomas Payne		2-17-18

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

November 16, 2017

Dr. Paul Cotton  
Howard University – Bison Express  
Hall of Fame Nominations  
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics  
5<sup>th</sup> & Girard Streets, NW  
Washington, DC 20059

Dear Dr. Cotton:

This letter is forwarded to the Bison Express in support of the nomination of Lawrence “Deacon” Jones as a member of the 2018 Hall of Fame. First, I had the unfortunate opportunity to coach against Lawrence Jones when he was a football player at Campbell County High School and presented many problems for our football team for two years. Once, I was hired at Howard University, I told Coach Sease about him and we recruited him to Howard. Now, it was my good fortune to coach Lawrence during the 1968 – 1971 football seasons and not have to game plan against him. It is important to note this was during an era when Howard was offering very little money for athletic scholarships, but we were able to recruit highly skilled and talented athletes. This was also during the time when African Americans were not highly recruited by many of the White Institutions. This was indeed Howard University’s gain because Lawrence was one of those dominant players who made a tremendous impact to our football program.

It is unfortunate that the game films are not available during those years, because Lawrence was one of the most ferocious football player’s during his time at Howard University. He was also a two way athlete who played on both the offensive and defensive lines and when needed he was on the punt and kick-off teams.

Lawrence was truly an amazing athlete, a leader by example on the field and a genuinely nice person who was well respected by everyone associated with Howard football. It was indeed unfortunate that Lawrence was not granted the opportunity to make All Conference because Howard athletes were not given the respect they had earned. There were few, **if any** linemen with the quickness, agility and speed that Lawrence had, but like many of our athletes during that time, they were overlooked.

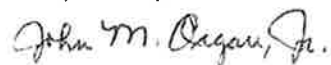
Lawrence’s ability was best displayed during his 2-way performances during the 1970 season when the Bison posted a 7 – 2 record. His stalwart performances during that season were befitting of a most valuable player. We lost our last two games – Virginia State and Delaware State – not because of our players but due to coaching errors.

As a coach I loved watching him perform because he was that once in life time athlete that practice hard, played every play, was extremely competitive and he took no prisoners. He watched and studied films of our opponents and worked on the skills he needed to defeat those players. Lawrence not only worked hard on the field, most importantly; however, is the fact that he carried that same drive and determination into the classroom. I am very proud that Lawrence graduated with his BS degree in four years.

In addition to his prowess on the football field Lawrence was an important member of the Bison Track and Field team. He garnered important points in the field events as a discus thrower and shot putter. Jones again was displaying his agility, strength and ability to create situations that put his team in position to be a winner. He was truly a solid citizen/team leader of rare talent and an athlete of high character.

I truly believe the football skills that Lawrence exhibited merits serious consideration for induction into the Hall of Fame. I highly recommend that the Hall of Fame Committee induct Lawrence "Deacon" Jones into the Bison Hall of Fame in 2018.

Respectfully,



John M. Organ, Jr. Ed D  
Former Assistant Football Coach (Interim Head Coach 1969)  
Head Wrestling and Golf Coach  
Howard University 1967 – 1976  
Assistant Professor in Physical Education

February 21, 2018

John Love

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Fort Washington, MD 20744

TO: Howard University

Hall of Fame Committee

It is with great pleasure that I recommend LAWRENCE E. JONES for induction into the Howard University Hall of Fame.

I have known Mr. Jones for more than 40 years during his employment with Maryland National Capital Planning Commission (MNCPPC). Lawrence served as Director, Oakcrest Community Center, Capital Heights, MD, where he provided youth and adult recreation sports and activities program to Prince Georges County residents. He was always a great leader and colleague whose integrity and spirit of helpfulness was without question.

In addition to his salaried position, Lawrence unselfishly gave his time as a volunteer football and basketball coach for the Prince Georges County Boys and Girls Club (PGBGC) Inc., and local recreation department. In this capacity, he continued to exhibit great leadership. His total understanding of the fundamentals of various activities and excellence in execution of assignment was a hallmark of his coaching. This is evidenced by his leadership role as follows:

- Coached Silver Hill PGBGC football team
- Coached Kettering Largo Mitchellville PGBGC football and basketball teams

Lawrence's care and commitment to County youth extends beyond physical prowess on the football field and basketball court. He took two football teams to Canada to promote intellectual advancement and provide exposure to another culture.

During his career, Lawrence received several awards and accolades from various organizations; most notably, is the Outstanding Service award from The Washington Warriors, a Maryland-Virginia-District of Columbia (DMV) semi-pro organization, for assistance and service.



John Love (retired)

County-Wide Sports Coordinator

MNCPPC

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*David O. Jones*

~~7415 Goodland Drive, Hyattsville, Maryland 20785~~

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~~xxx david.o.jones@comcast.net~~

February 15, 2018

"For every tree is known by its own fruit." - Luke 6:44 (NKJV)

I am writing this letter as a recommendation for the induction of Lawrence "Deacon" Jones into the Howard University Athletic Hall of Fame. Lawrence Jones is my father, but more even more than that, he is also my friend. Lawrence Jones has had a huge impact on my life as supporter, provider, as well as leader. Lawrence Jones showed me how to be a man of morals, principals, great character, humility and most of all a great father. The space of this letter would never afford me the words that I can write to express my reasoning of why he should be granted this great honor by your University.

My hope is that this letter bears witness to the fruit of the Howard University Bison Football tree known as Lawrence "Deacon" Jones. Howard University's motto -- *Veritas et Utilitas* "Truth and Service" accurately describes my father on and off the football field and the way he taught me to live my life as a man always committed to excellence. I have Lawrence Jones to thank for not only introducing me to the sport of Football, but also the life lessons that one could learn from it.

**Truth:** My father from my earliest days stressed the importance of fidelity to your position and your team. As a young player of eight in pee-wee football I was quite large and placed to play with much older boys. I decided I was not returning after a particularly brutal day. My father told me I would have to face my coach and teammates and explain my letting them down. That lesson was not lost on me. To this very day I do not quit, earning a Bachelor of Science while playing football myself. While my father accomplished his BS in four years, I took a year longer but never forgot why I was in school, and that the degree was just as important a goal as great football.

Lawrence Jones never let his team down. He was often the player remaining on the field at side changes playing both offensive and defensive line and never giving anything less than his best to his team. How do I know this? I remember him taking me to Howard University football games on Saturdays at Greene Stadium. I loved those times because it showed me a lot. One thing that it showed me was his love for the game of football, which held a critical place in my life as far as commitment, sportsmanship, pride and team work. At those times when we used to go to the games to see the Howard University Bison play, he would meet up with some of his old teammates. I loved how they used to come together, and reminisce about their playing days. The teammates showed forever pride in the program where they once played. I loved hearing the stories that were shared, and how great a player my father was back in those days before my brother, sister, and I were even thought of. Those

stories made me proud that a player of that caliber was my father, and I wanted to be just like him. The funny thing was that he never used to say how good he was back in his playing days, but the stories from his teammates and the old film told the story for him. He may not have been heralded by the awards and labels we look for in outstanding performances by a player but the film and the contemporary players let me know the truth - Lawrence "Deacon" Jones' play was indeed outstanding and Hall of Fame worthy.

When I had the opportunity to play college ball my most trusted advisor on learning my position was my dad. He never sugar coated anything but fairly assessed my game. One of my proudest moments was taking the field my senior year as co-captain of the MEAC DSU Hornets to my dad's surprise. I followed his leadership of his MEAC HU Bison offensive line proudly leading mine. Of course he also led his defensive line - a performance I could not dream of following.

**Service:** As far back as I can remember I wanted to be just like my father, my idol, from how he handles situations to the energy that he receives from those around him. I can remember back when I was young kid, he used to take me with him to the recreation centers where he worked. I used to see the expressions on the faces of people when he came around, and how they treated him. They treated him with respect, because he gave respect as well as consistently showing compassion for people in their different situations within the community. He was always there to help.

Lawrence Jones began coaching youth football and basketball before any of his children were born. He had a championship 19 & Under basketball team in 1975. His love for youth sports spanned over 40 years of involvement with recreation and boys & girls club teams. He had a great impact on many of the youth that came to recreation programs led by him over the years including the great boxer Sugar Ray Leonard and North Carolina State basketball coach Derrick Wittenburg.

Lawrence Jones has taught me so much about life and the passion for the game of football that I can never repay or thank him enough for the influence that he has had in my life. So now I leave it up to you HU, to recognize with your "Hall of Fame" selection, a fellow buffalo soldier for his outstanding leadership as a Howard Bison and a life of accomplishment. He was not only accomplished at Howard University, he has continued to demonstrate the excellence in "Truth and Service" motto through the contributions that he made to society. The Bison Football tree is indeed known by its fruit.

Sincerely,



David Oliver Jones





## **dallas cowboys football club**

December 30, 1971

Mr. Lawrence Jones  
~~Route 2, Box 302~~  
Rustburg, Virginia

Dear Lawrence:

We would like you to know that after a very thorough analyzation of the nation's college football talent, we are considering you as one of our choices for the National Football League draft which is being held February 1st.

We have compiled this booklet with the hope of answering any questions you may have about the National Football League or Dallas and the Cowboys. If you have any additional questions, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Would you please complete the enclosed form and return as soon as possible. It is of UTMOST IMPORTANCE to have this additional information on record so you may be located during that time in regards to your being drafted.

Sincerely yours,

DALLAS COWBOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

  
Gil Brandt  
Vice President

GB:tj  
Encl.

**Bison Face Maryland St. Saturday**

# Howard Switches Defender Jones To Offense; Ogden to Start

The Howard University football team has begun tapering off its practice sessions for the Saturday season opener in Princess Anne, Md., against Maryland State—that is all but one player, Larry (Deacon) Jones.

Jones was switched yesterday from his defensive tackle spot to offensive tackle to shore up a sagging offensive line. Howard has only one returning lineman up front, and only Jones showed the potential to be switched from defensive to help out.

A strong candidate at the

beginning of the season to capture All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors at defensive tackle, Jones willingly made the move.

"Sure I know I'm a better defensive tackle," the 6-foot-3, 240-pounder said, "but the challenge is in what you can accomplish. I can help the team, and I think I can make myself a better player."

Into his spot at defensive tackle, coach Tillman Sease has inserted perhaps the biggest player on the east coast, and definitely in Washington—6-7, 330-pound Shirrell Ogden, whom his teammates call "Tiny."

"He's extremely fast, strong and agile for his size," Sease said, "So far my biggest problem is finding something for him to wear." Ogden has a 54-inch waist.

Sease is still trying to find a passing attack. Quarterback Mike Copeland, who was counted on to carry the offense this season, has not come around from a knee injury which kept him out of two games last year.

"It's a mental thing with Copeland," Sease said. "He's been favoring the knee and it's

affected his passing. Yet in a scrimmage the other day, whenever he was pressed to scramble, he got out of there.

"In fact, on one play, he had called a screen pass and the defensive line had the play diagnosed. Jones hit him while he was trying to pass, and Ogden was pulling him to the ground, when he just flicked his wrist, threw and completed the pass to his running back which covered some 20 yards."

Copeland is the key to the Howard attack this season. His linemen respect his play-calling ability and are determined to help him out with their blocking. He wears No. 12, and his teammates have gotten around to calling him Joe Willie, after New York Jets quarterback Joe Namath.

If the Bisons block for Copeland like the Jets do for Namath, Howard could finally have that big winning season.

—Millard Arnold

## Jones hopeful for Saturday

With the start of a new season and the marking of a new conference for the Bisons, the team is plagued with several problems. Among the major problems are the numerous injuries harbouring some of the key players.

Lawrence "Deacon" Jones, the Bisons offensive tackle and star player last season, is out with an ankle sprain. Jones, nominated last year for All CIAA tackle, said that he hopes to start in tomorrow's home opener against Virginia State.

Such determination and interest in the game is a trademark for the 6'2", 230 pounder from Rustburg, Virginia.

"I came to Howard in 1968 and this marks my fourth year on the team. During these past four years, I have missed only four games because of injuries," Jones said.

Jones sustained the ankle injury in the Bisons opening game against Maryland University Eastern Shore in the Boston Charity Game.

"I would like to make All MEAC this year, after missing the All CIAA team last year.



"Deacon" Jones sidelined

The team has gotten off to a bad start but this doesn't mean that we can't have a winning season."

According to Jones the step up into the new league will help the team, but certain rulings of the MEAC are rather questionable.

"Last year we were able to take about 45 to 50 players on all of our away games. This year because of a MEAC ruling we can carry only 42. With so

many injuries on the team, it's hard to have a strong replacement lineup, when we are short in personnel," Jones said.

The senior, majoring in recreation with a double minor in psychology and education, never planned to attend college.

After two years in the service, his major goal was receiving some technical skills from a school in his hometown. However, with the aid of an athletic scholarship, Deacon came to Howard, where he has maintained a high C average and made the Dean's list during his sophomore year.

As in the case of most of our athletes, Jones eventually hopes to become professional material.

While in Boston this season, Jones talked to two pro scouts from the Chicago Bears and the Dallas Cowboys.

"There is a need for more Black athletes. Athletics was always an open field for Blacks, where they could make it on reasonable incomes. It's an outlet for most Blacks which can be used in helping our fellow brothers and sisters," Deacon suggested.

Listed as his ultimate goal is a head coaching job. According to Lawrence coaching gives one a sense of leadership and a skill towards organization.

In speaking to the slow talking Virginian, one will notice a determination to succeed in Jones' makeup. In four years, he is completing his education, something he never thought to accomplish. Of this Jones said, "To some football is a means to an end, but this is not the case with me. I want a degree and something to fall back on to offer to my people when football finally becomes an end."

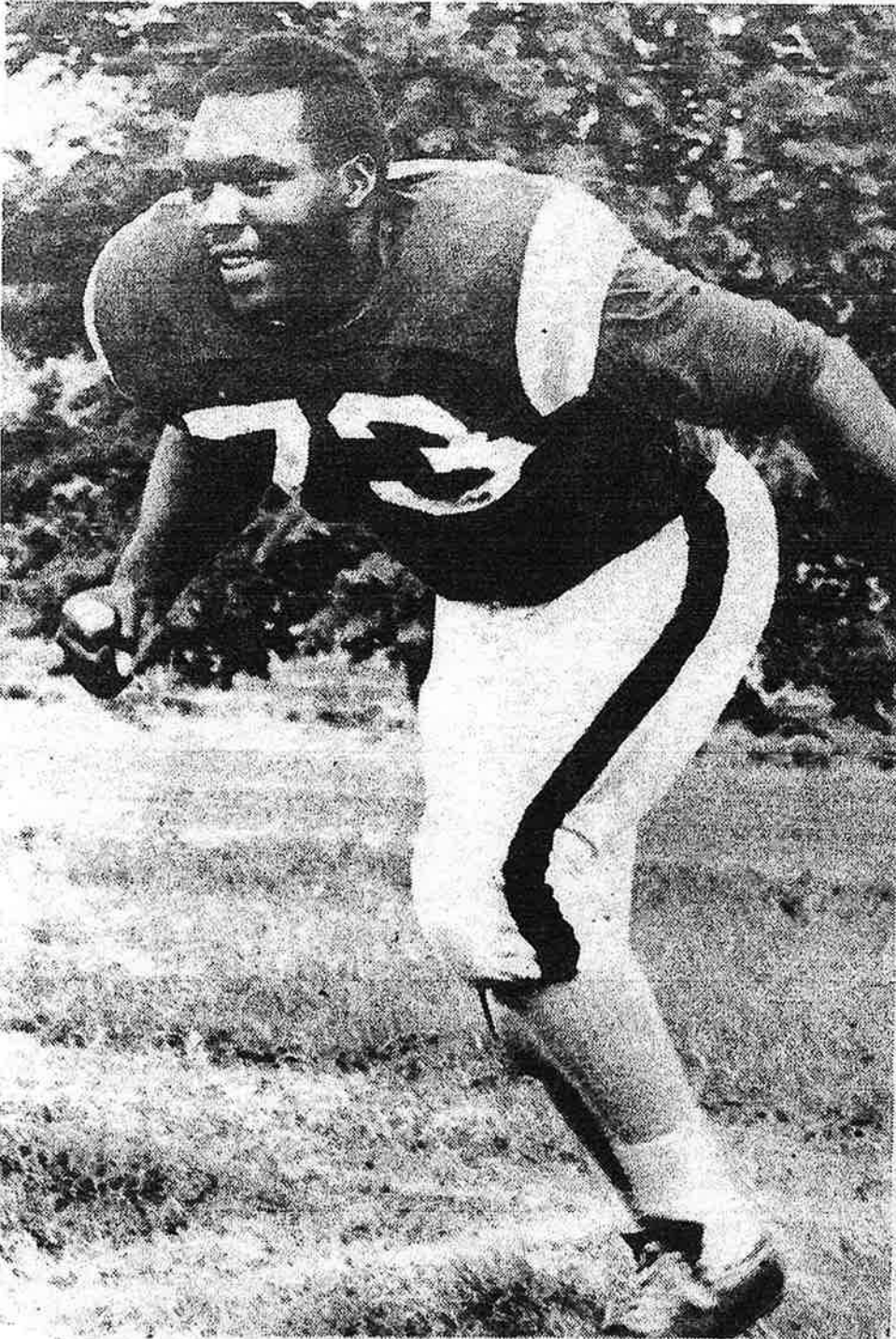
One could almost conclude that Jones' work may not ever come to an end, and that's not bad at all.

Four Year Letterman 1968-1971



# "Deacon" preaches offense this year

By Lena Williams



(Deacon) Jones former defensive tackle has switched to offense  
ent line.

Anglade Photo.

The attitude this year is that Howard will have an improved football team. In an effort to strengthen the offensive line, the coaching staff has moved Lawrence "Deacon" Jones from his regular defensive tackle position to offensive tackle.

Jones, a 6'3" 240 lb. junior received his nickname "Deacon" because of his style resemblance to the Los Angeles Rams' defensive end Dave Deacon Jones. When asked how he feels about the move, Jones said, "I was moved because the offensive line was a little weak and the coach thought that I could add strength to the line.

Replacing Jones in his old position in Shirrel Ogden, a 6'10" 335 lb. junior at Howard. Ogden has the speed and the weight to effectively fill this position.

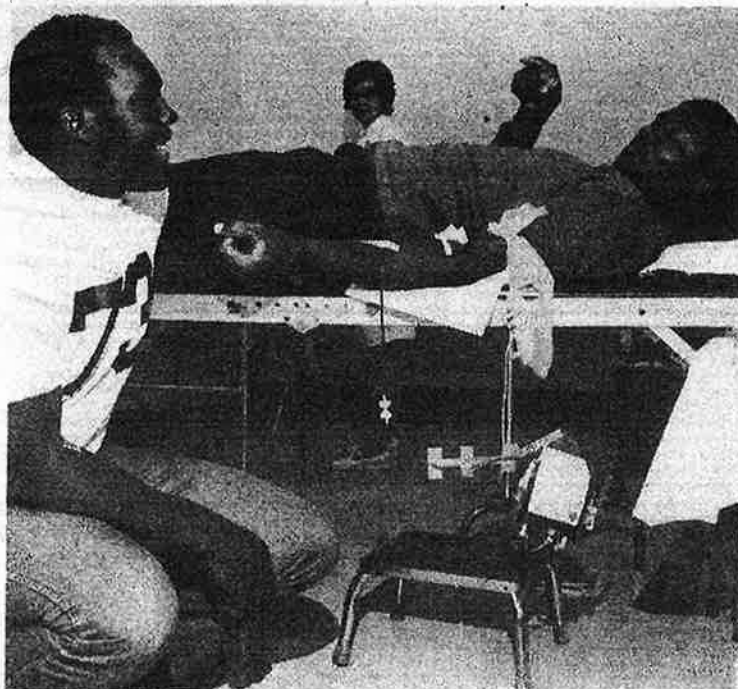
The "Deacon" also has a chance to make CIAA this year and he feels the change will not hinder his chances. "The only difference in the positions is that an offensive tackle can't use his hands and a defensive tackle can. I played both positions in high school so no major adjustments have to be made."

Johnnie Fairfax, Jones' team and roommate commented on his roomie. "They needed help on the offensive line to boost blocking for our quarterback and Jones could do the job. The switch will give the offensive line and team an added lift."

Howard's first game was played Saturday against Maryland State. Howard won the game 12 to 0. The opposition probably tested Jones ability at his new job thinking they could find an inexperienced ballplayer. However, they were up against a player who fits in with the quote, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

# Out for blood

PressRelease



**Howard football players - Larry Jones (left), having donated a pint of blood to Red Cross, talks with Charles Millhouse who is still on the donor's table.**

In response to one of the urgent needs of the community, "Blood Donors" for the D.C. Chapter of the American Red Cross, the athletes of Howard have started a project to regularly take an hour or two off to go to the Red Cross and donate a pint of blood.

The Red Cross supplies freed blood to the hospitals of the city, especially D.C. General

and Freedmens. During the holiday season the demand is great and donors drop off.

Those who have donated blood so far are:

John DeFrietas - Soccer  
Lawrence Jones - Football  
Charles Millhouse - Football  
Steve Powell - Baseball

Red Cross vehicles will pick up volunteers at the John H. Burr Physical Education Building (Men's Gym) daily. For appointment contact Charles Millhouse, Project Chairman or Coach Ted Chambers (636-7147).

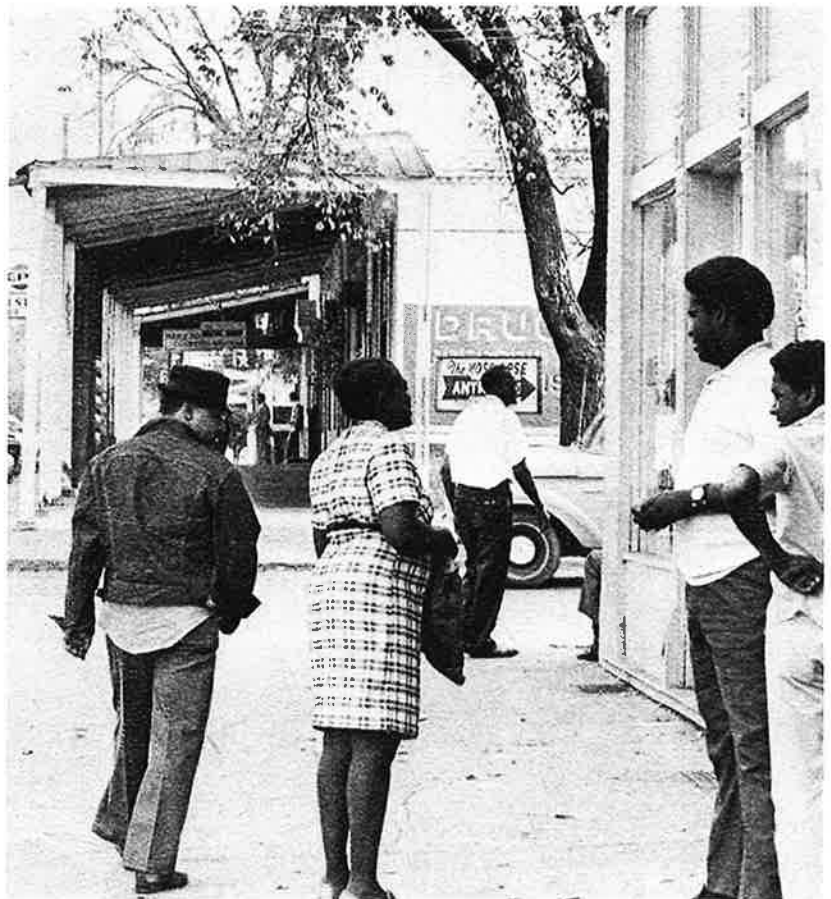
# Howard At Mississippi

Through the efforts of the Political Science Society, 90 students from Howard travelled to Mississippi in October. The three day trip was sponsored to help the campaign for Charles Evers, Black gubernatorial candidate for the state of Mississippi.

Coordinator Bobby Reed solicited donations and contributions to pay for the chartered buses, while Black Mississippians provided housing accommodations for the students. Those who volunteered had to provide their own living expenses.

The group found Blacks from Mississippi friendly and genuine. Their standard of living is extremely low with at least 2/3 of the population living in shacks. Many of the old traditions of the South still exist, as evidenced by the presence of vigilante groups and unfair employment systems, wherein Blacks are paid extremely low wages.

However, some changes have been made and Howard students want to help in promoting these changes in hopes that the future for Mississippi and the Blacks in that state will be different.





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**RECREATION CHANGES**—Two new supervisors with the city recreation department and a part-time recreation employe who has been retained full-time talk over their new duties. Left to right are George W. Peters, the part-time supervisor of athletics who is now on a full-time basis; Dianne Lee Davis, formerly of Farmville, and Lawrence E. (Deacon) Jones, formerly of Washington, who have been hired as recreation supervisors.

(Fred Knight Photo)

## New recreation personnel hired

Two new recreation supervisors have been employed by the City of Lynchburg and one part-time recreation employe has been put on a full-time basis.

City Recreation Director W. P. Ellis announced today that Dianne Lee Davis, formerly of Farmville, and Lawrence E. (Deacon) Jones, a Campbell County native who has been employed in Washington, have been hired as recreation supervisors.

He also said that George Peters, who has been with the recreation department since 1944 on a part-time basis, has been retained full-time.

Ellis said that with these additions and changes he feels the Recreation Department "can make a determined drive to assess the city's recreational needs, evaluate current programs, and respond with innovative action where necessary in order to provide for a positive recreational life-style within the city."

Ellis said that "through cooperation with other city departments, citizen organizations, and individual recreation consumers, our departmental team will be striving to help Lynchburg have its best recreation program ever.

Miss Davis, who was born in Panama City, Fla., graduated with honors from Longwood College with a B.S. in Health and Physical Education. She received her master's degree in the same major from the University of Massachusetts. She was formerly employed by Longwood College as a physical education instructor, and by Sweet Briar College. While at Longwood she coached college varsity field hockey, basketball, lacrosse and golf. She also is qualified as a Driver Education instructor, water-safety instructor, first-aid instructor, national basketball and volleyball official and a local field hockey official.

In her new position here, Miss Davis has the responsibility for all city swimming pools and

open playgrounds. She will supervise pool guards and playground leaders and assist the director in the design and implementation of recreation programs.

Jones comes to Lynchburg from the National Capital Parks East program in Washington. He graduated from Howard University in Washington with a B.S. in recreation and while there was a four-year letterman in varsity football. He also played basketball and ran track. He was a camp counselor in the program at Washington and previously had served two year active duty with the U. S. Army in Germany. He will be responsible here for all Community Centers and school gyms used by the Recreation Department and will be supervising community center leaders and athletic coaches. He also will assist the director in the design and implementation of recreation programs.

Peters will continue his present activities, including

organizing and supervising the city's athletic leagues for boys and girls. He is also a State Commissioner for the Amateur Softball Association. He now supervises and schedules 58 softball games each week in five different leagues with more than 700 players and schedules district and state tournaments for the city.

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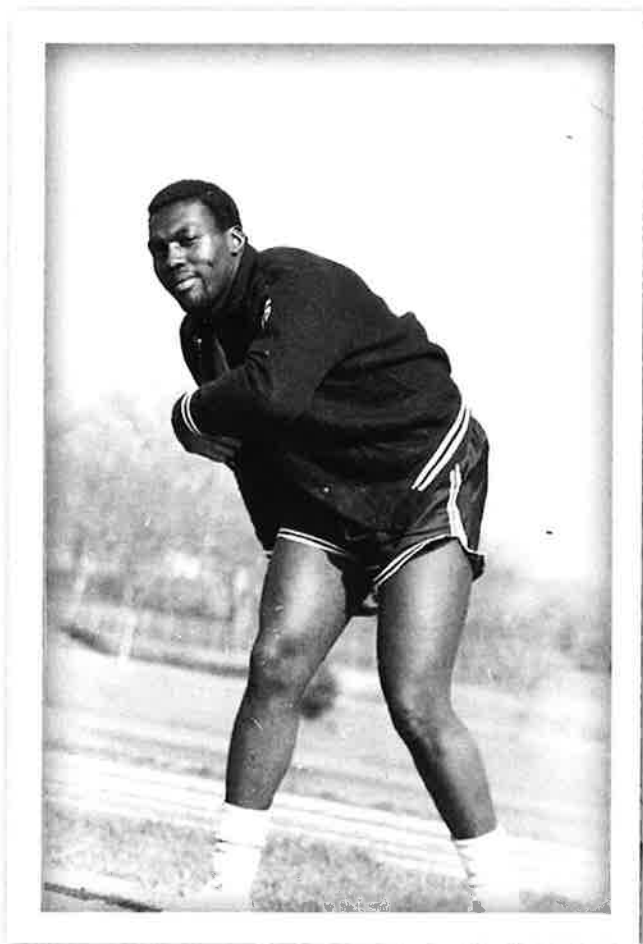
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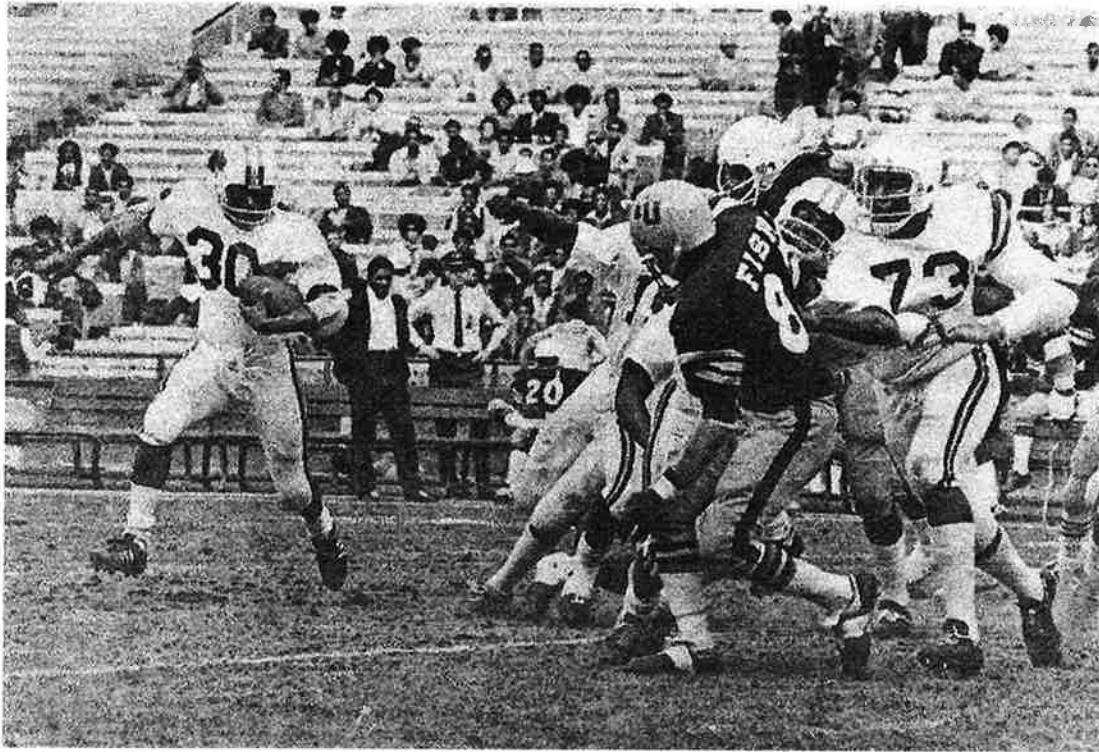
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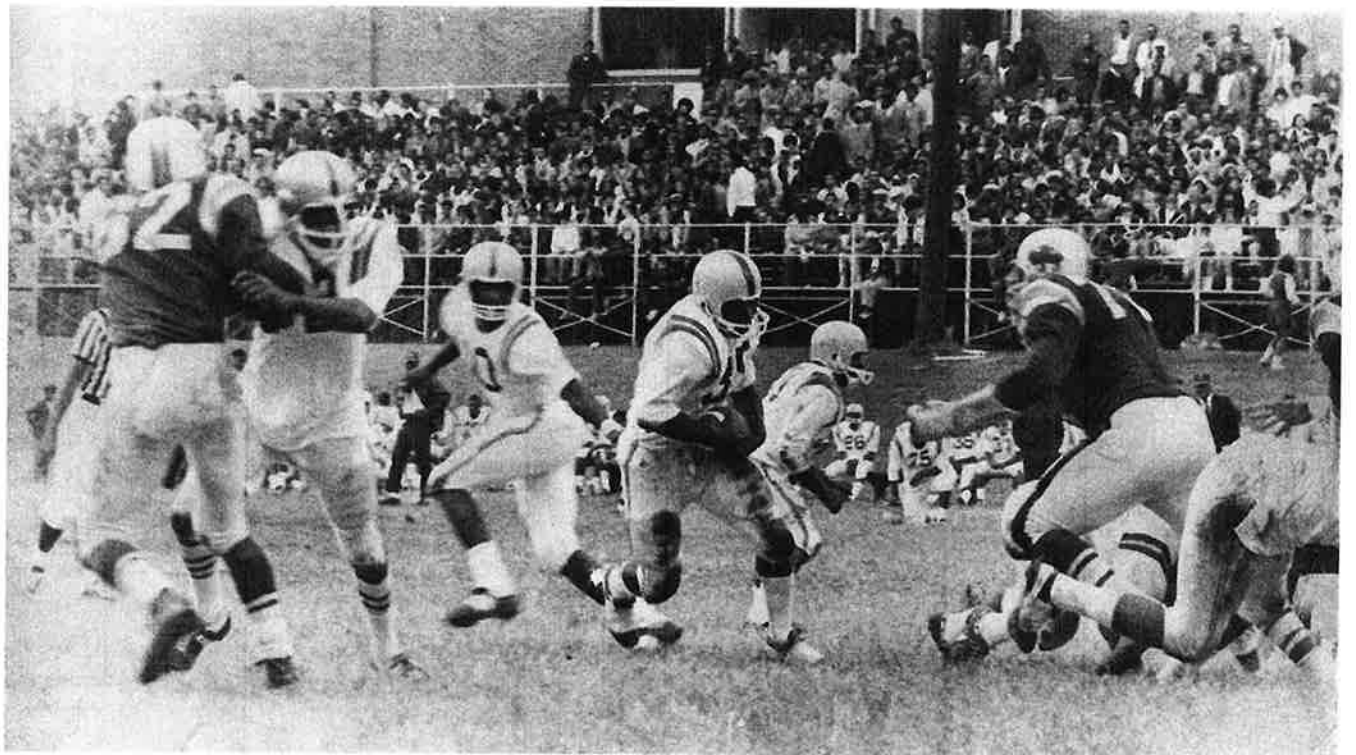


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