



**Willie H. Pennington**

Class of 1970

Willie H. Pennington, a native of Lisman, AL (Choctaw County) enrolled at Tuskegee (Institute) University on a four-year athletic scholarship (football) in 1965. An offensive guard, he lettered all four years and was selected to the SIAC All Conference offensive team in 1968. He earned a starting position in his freshman year in 1965, and played on consecutive football championship teams through 1968.

Pennington earned his degree in Chemistry Education in 1970. After completing his degree, he joined the coaching staff as an Interim Coach and Scout. He also began taking courses at Tuskegee toward an advanced degree.

Pennington's career in his field of study began in 1971 with General Electric (Morris, IL) as a Nuclear Technician, where he focused on the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuels. In 1972, he joined BASF Wyandotte Corp as a Production Manager in Decatur, Georgia. Pennington's stellar career continued with BASF in Raleigh, North Carolina (formerly BASF Wyandotte Corp) as an Agronomist. Pennington has held a number of positions with BASF including: National Accounts Manager, Market Manager and Fumigation Specialist. Currently in his role as a Sales Specialist, he advises numerous golf courses and ornamental growers on innovative ways to maintain Turf grass and plants. He developed a method of regrassing golf course fairways and greens that is being used by many of the major golf courses in the United States. Pennington has earned several awards with BASF including being named Salesman of The Year for three years. He will complete 45-years of loyal service with BASF this September.

Pennington has traveled on mission trips to Costa Rica, Guatemala, Rome and Austria with his church - Church Alive, Raleigh, North Carolina, where he serves as a deacon. He was elected as President of the Pesticide Association of North Carolina in 1995, and is a Lifetime Member of the National Association of Investment Clubs (teaching investment education).

Willie H. Pennington enjoys Long-Range fishing trips in the Pacific looking for giant Yellowfin tuna. He currently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina.