



BARBARA JEAN JACKET
Class of 1958

Barbara Jean Jacket, Prairie View, Texas, was a member of the basketball and track teams for four years while at Tuskegee. She participated in four (4) National AAU Meets. She also participated in the Olympic Trials in 1956. In addition, she was voted "Most Outstanding Woman Athlete" in 1958.

Since leaving Tuskegee University, she has received her Master of Science Degree in Physical Education from Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View, Texas; she has done further study at Lamar Tech University in Beaumont, Texas, and at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Ms. Jacket has been an Associate Professor of Physical Education at Prairie View A & M University since 1964. Her responsibilities include the teaching of water safety, swimming, volleyball, basketball, tennis, badminton, softball, field hockey, track and field, conditioning, and a host of other related subjects.

Since women's track was organized at Prairie View A & M University, national and international acclaim have achieved by her students: Easter Gabriel, Essie Kelley, Patricia Jackson, Arthurene Gaines, Thary Ayers, Shirley Williams and Debra Sapenter.

Mrs. Jacket has received numerous honors and awards, including International Coach and Assistant of the U.S. Junior AAU Track and Field Team that toured West Germany, Warsaw, Poland, Odessa, Russia and Moscow, Russia in 1973; coach for USA/USSR Duel Meet, Leningrad, Russia, 1976; Coach of the Year, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Southwestern Athletic Conference, 1979; Head Manager and Coach for the University Games, Bucarest, Roumania; Coach of the Indoor and Outdoor National Championships, 1983 and 1984; 1985 Head Coach for the United States World University Games in Kobe, Japan; Coach of the Year, Indoor Southwestern Athletic Conference, 1985-86; 1986 Coach of the MAIA Outdoor National Championships; selected Head for the United States World Championships held in Rome, Italy in August, 1987; and 1987 Coach of the Year, Southwestern Athletic Conference; and Coach of the Year, Indoor and Outdoor National Championships.