



George T. Drake

Class of 1959

George Drake, a native of Thomaston, Georgia enrolled at Tuskegee Institute as a walk on in football and baseball in 1955. As a right halfback and outside linebacker, he lettered all four years of play. He served as captain in the 1955 and 1958 games against Fort Valley State College. He was an outfielder in baseball and lettered all three of the years that he played.

Drake was an outstanding student majoring in Health and Physical Education. He ranked number five in his health and physical education class. He earned his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Georgia and did further study at Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Drake was an outstanding teacher, coach, principal, and after school coordinator. He taught and coached at R. L. Norris High School from 1959-1970. Following a successful career as teacher and coach, he advanced to assistant principal and then to principal. Retiring after twenty-eight years, he returned to education to direct a, state recognized, after school program, and became the McDuffie County coordinator for the Job Training Partnership Act. Honors and awards include coaching a state championship track and field team, two-district championship basketball teams, and ten district championship football teams. Other recognitions have included Boss of the Year 1977 -1978, McDuffie County Outstanding Educational Administrator 1980-1981, and an Appreciation Award for Cooperation and Leadership in Athletics from R. L. Norris student body.

Drake is a member of the Springfield Baptist Church where he currently serves as Deacon, church treasurer, trustee, Sunday School teacher, member of the choir, and member of the family ministry. Drake's community involvement includes but is not limited to national and local retired teacher's association and the Thomson Progressive Civic Club. Additionally, he serves as mentor to children in McDuffie and Columbia Counties.

Drake is a member of the CSRA Tuskegee Alumni Club and is a consistent supporter of the University.

Currently, George Drake and his wife live in Thomson, Georgia.