

NORMAN A. "SHOT" JACKSON Class of 1952

Norman Jackson graduated from Don Thompson High School, Tampa, Florida, where he was a member of the basketball and football teams. He was selected to the All-State basketball team three times in high school and also earned letters in football. He enrolled in Tuskegee in the Fall of 1948, and made the first five on the 1949 basketball team as a freshman, which was the last "Golden Tiger" team coached by Edward H. Adams. For the next three years, "Shot" played varsity football and basketball, and was captain of the 1952 basketball team. He was selected to the All-SIAC Basketball Team each year he was in college.

He completed the Army ROTC program and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in May 1952, and reported for active duty in August 1952. He rose to a rank of First Lieutenant and spent thirteen months of his tour of duty in Korea. Upon separation from the Army in February, 1955, he enrolled at Michigan State University and pursued his master's degree. He later went on to complete a program at California State University at Los Angeles, and the Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Higher Education Administration at Florida State University in 1972.

Dr. Jackson's professional education career consists of teacher, coach, administrator. He was an instructor of Health and Physical Education and Football Line Coach at Arkansas State University from 1957-1959. In January, 1959, he became the Department Chairman, Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach at Gibbs Junior College, St. Petersburg, Florida. In August, 1965, he was transferred to St. Petersburg Junior College where he was an instructor and assistant basketball coach. After one season, he resigned from coaching to become an administrator. He has held positions at Florida State University and the University of South Florida. From June, 1972 until 1974, he was the Assistant Director, Southern Region Office, College Entrance Examination Board. In November 1975, he was appointed Executive Director, Florida Commission on Human Relations in the Askew Administration. He presently serves as Assistant Vice-President for Student Affairs at Florida A&M University.

He is married and has five children.