



**EARL L. WATTS**  
**Class of 1961**

“Coach Owen” has high expectation for his “captain.” **Earl L. Watts** understood well what was expected for he served two years as captain of the basketball team and lettered each year. He was second team all tournament 1959-60. Watts’ extra-ordinary athletic skills did not end on the basketball court. He was as impressive on the baseball field, serving as captain for one year. He was twice honored by President Foster, first when invited to represent varsity athletics at the President’s reception following the SIAC Tournament when the team finished second to Florida A&M, and again when he was extended an invitation to receive congratulations and discuss athletics.

Earl L. Watts, teacher, coach, administrator, amassed an impressive professional career, is active in many community and civic affairs. He developed and implemented an affirmative action plan for Sorasota Board of Education and a program to honor outstanding academic achievement for “Black” children in the Sorasota Schools. He has been honored often by his peers as outstanding teacher, coach and administrator. His professional, fraternal and civic affiliation include member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, National Education Association, American Association of School Administration, YMCA, Board of Directors of Community Housing Authority, and many others.

Watts realized early the importance of combining academic and athletics. He reflects on the impact that the coaches and Logan Hall staff had on his life -- “It is an honor to be taught leadership qualities that will last a lifetime.”