



**ANNIE LAURA FRANCES LOCKWOOD**  
**Class of 1956**

Miss Physical Education of 1956 received a four year athletic scholarship in both basketball and tennis. This attractive and statuesque woman earned letters in athletics for her outstanding performance from 1952-1956, Coach in her position as forward on the Lady Tigers basketball team and in tennis by C. A. Abbott and Mrs. Roomnic Peters, this woman received the type of experiences and training which played a very influential role in her professional career.

After graduating from Tuskegee Institute in 1956, Annie Laura Frances Lockwood worked as assistant basketball coach, tennis coach and sponsor of the majorettes until 1960. From 1960 - 1980, Mrs. Lockwood was employed as a physical education teacher at the Booker T. Washington Elementary School. In 1959, she coached the Prairie View A&M University tennis team to the State Tennis Championship, and she was awarded the Outstanding Assistant Coach plaque that same year.

During Annie's tenure with the Port Arthur Independent School District, she earned the Elementary Teacher of the Year Award (1975). She was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and a member of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. From 1977 - 1980, she also served as Reading Director of the NAACP Program designed to increase the reading skill of the slow and reluctant learners.

After an early retirement in 1980 which was precipitated by rheumatoid arthritis, Annie continued to be active in the community. From 1975 - 1982, she served as Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) teacher where she taught Christian doctrine to the young people in her church. She was elected to serve as secretary to the Advisory Council of Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1977, 1981, 1985). The council's task was to assist the pastor in decision-making activities. She also served from 1987 - 1989 as liaison between Sacred Heart and the Hospitality House which serves low-income families and the homeless in Port Arthur, and from 1990 - 1991 she actually worked with the operation of the Hospitality House rendering services where needed. Given Mrs. Lockwood's physical limitations, her services to the community are truly outstanding and worthy of honorable mention.

Mrs. Lockwood fondly remembers Coach Abbott, Dr. Mildred Brown, Coach Owen, Dr. Nell Jackson and biology teacher, the late Dr. Howard Carter. She especially remembers the graduation dinner at the home of Dr. Mildred Brown who shared information on obstacles and how to counteract such. Fun times included Saturday night movies and dances, social gatherings after supper in the recreation hall to play cards, checkers, or pool, and watching the sorority and fraternity lines "step"--executing their synchronized routines on the pledge lines every year. Above all, however, she cherishes the moments which she was crowned Miss Physical Education.