



GEORGE L. SMITH
Class of 1936

George L. Smith, Madison, Illinois, was a member of the track and field teams at Tuskegee Institute. He was winner of the Javelin throw at the Tuskegee relays three years, and in the Praire View and Alabama State relays. He also won this event at all the dual or triangular meets in which he participated. He represented Tuskegee in the Penn Relays in 1935. He also placed second in the long jump in the Xavier relays and placed in shotput and discus throw in several dual meets.

He was a lifeguard at Tuskegee for four years; drum major in the band from 1933-1935; captain of the Cadet Corp. Thrasher Hall, and received the best drill cadet's award in 1935. He graduated from Tuskegee with a B. S. degree in 1936 and received the M. S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1939. He was chosen to deliver the 10th anniversary address for his Tuskegee graduating class.

After graduation from Tuskegee, Smith taught business education and coached basketball and track and field at Dunbar High School in Madison, Illinois. His teams won the Illinois-Missouri Conference basketball championship two years. He became principal of Dunbar Elementary and High School in 1940 and spearheaded integration of interscholastic sports in southern Illinois and Missouri.

In 1946 he became head of the Business Education Department at Washington Technical High School in St. Louis, Missouri. He also coached football, basketball, track and field and tennis. His basketball teams won the conference championship twice. From 1951-1970 he was an elementary school principal in St. Louis, Missouri; 1970-1973, district assistant superintendent; 1973-1976, director of staff development; 1976-1979 director of human relations; and from 1979-1981, director of staff development. From 1936-1967 he served as a sports official in Illinois and Missouri.

He has been president of the Illinois-Missouri Athletic Conference, president of the St. Louis City Elementary Principal's Association, member of the board of directors of the Industrial League, St. Louis White House Conference on Education, and member of the board of directors, St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

Smith received an award from the National Association of University Women for Outstanding Service in Human Relations and Continuous Interest in Educational Athletics, a certificate from the U. S. Department of Justice for community relations service, and he was honored for 17 years of volunteer service to the recreation division of the city of St. Louis.