



Irvin S. Smith Jr.

Class of 1986

Irvin S. Smith Jr., a native of Tuskegee, Alabama, enrolled at Tuskegee University on a four-year Football Scholarship in 1980. He lettered all four years and was selected team co-captain during the 1982 & 1983 seasons.

Smith graduated from the School of Mechanical Engineering and upon graduating, was commissioned a 2LT in the United States Army Field Artillery Corp. Assignments included Duellman, Germany, 81st United States Field Artillery Detachment, where he served as Executive Officer, Platoon Leader, and Communication Security Officer in support of NATO Forces. During his tour, he played football with the Essen Eagles of the German Football League.

Upon completion of his assignment in Germany, he was transferred to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where he was assigned as an instructor for the Field Artillery School, Special Weapons Division, Commander of A Battery 1/30th Field Artillery – Officer Student Battalion, Commander B Battery 1st Battalion 78th Field Artillery; and Commander, Mid Missouri Recruiting Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

Smith received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army and joined Ford Motor Company at the Lima Engine Plant as Maintenance Advisor, Installation Manager and Process Engineer. While in Lima, Irvin served as President and Member of the Board for the Urban Minority Alcohol and Drug Abuse Outreach Program. He served as a member of Art Space Lima. Irvin later accepted a position as Operations & Maintenance Foreman at Dearborn Engine Plant, Dearborn, Michigan. Upon his departure from Ford Motor Company, Irvin began his career at ArcelorMittal Steel in Cleveland, Ohio where he was assigned numerous positions of increasing responsibility for Maintenance Engineering & Utilities. He currently works at Cleveland Cliffs, as Operations Manager for the Water Treatment Plants.

Smith continued support of Tuskegee University includes the School of Engineering, TU General Fund, SGT Scholarship Fund, and the Digital Scoreboard Fund.

Smith & wife Barbara Lampley (class of 84') reside in Strongsville, Ohio.