



RUBEN RIGGINS, JR.
Class of 1976

Ruben Riggins, Jr., Vincent, Alabama; Quarterback, Golden Tiger Football Team for four years. He was All-Conference Quarterback, SIAC Division I, 1974; named Coca-Cola Most Valuable Player, 1974; SIAC College Player of the Year; Most Valuable Offensive Player, NCAA Gate City Bowl; Red Rooters offensive Player Award; and the Senior Athletic Award in 1975.

He quarterbacked the Golden Tigers to their second 11-win season in our history, winning five Homecoming games over powerful Florida A&M, Bethune Cookman, Alabama A&M, Alabama State and Albany State. This brought the Golden Tigers to their first outright SIAC Championship since the 1940s.

His outstanding ability as an athlete was not only evident on the football field, but in baseball as well. Riggins was named Most Valuable Player, Tuskegee Institute, 1972; SIAC All-Conference Second Baseman, 1974; and All-Conference Third Baseman, 1976. He received the American Legion Most Valuable Player Award, and the Award of Merit from the Tuskegee Institute Health, Physical Education and Athletic Department in 1976.

His activities since leaving Tuskegee have included various church activities, managing the Vincent Baseball Team, and membership in the Talladega Baseball League. He was selected as an All star Member, and was awarded Most Valuable Player in 1978.