

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Walter C. Dansby

TUAHOF – Class of 1924

WALTER C. DANSBY, Class of 1924, was a student at Tuskegee Institute from 1917 to 1924 -- starting in "C" Pep Special and graduating in 1924 with an Academic Diploma and a Trade Certificate in Agriculture.

He played varsity football for five years, starring at Right Tackle and Left Tackle on defense and offense in the line. A speedy, hard-nosed 160 pounder who stood out against

opponents much heavier, Dansby was a mainstay of the Tiger defense against the opposition throughout his career.

Following his graduation he taught school in Macon County for four years, after which he moved to Detroit, Michigan and worked as a clerk in the Unemployment Compensation Bureau for nearly two years. He then worked for over 20 years in the U. S. Postal Service until retiring in 1966.

Dansby has been a Deacon and Sunday School teacher at Calvary Baptist Church in Detroit, where he received his 52nd Year Membership Certificate in 1974. Dansby is a member of the NAACP; a 32nd degree Mason, and a volunteer worker for the Senior Citizens Program. Active in the early development of the Detroit Tuskegee Club, he was instrumental in the purchase of a clubhouse for Tuskegee alumni in that city. He has been an active member of the American Legion for 41 years.

Evidence of his civic and religious activities is recognized throughout the Detroit area.