



**Waymond O. Mack**

Class of 1969

A Guthrie, Oklahoma native and a graduate of Florida A & M High School, Tallahassee, Florida, **Waymond O. Mack** began his higher education career at Tuskegee University in 1965 as a Business Management major.

Mack played football for three years, almost exclusively as a reserve, and a baseball starter for four years. He was in the starting lineup his freshman year as an outfielder. When the starting catcher did not return to school his junior year he was asked by Coach Bishop to try his hand at catching. Although he had never played this position before he was able to hold the offense to an average of just below one stolen base per 9 innings during his junior and senior years. He shared the team captain role in 1969, his senior year, when he won the conference title and the team moved on to an appearance in regional NCAA playoffs. Mack had a .410 batting average his freshman year and finished his four year career with a .360 average.

Mack refused a tryout offer with the Pittsburgh Pirates and went to work for Seagram's Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Indiana for four years. He left Seagram's to work with Ford Motor Company in Cincinnati, Ohio and remained there for 31 years. At Ford he held several management positions including Regional Purchasing Agent.

Through his father's work and his own educational and youth learning on historically black college and university campuses Mack developed a deep appreciation for the importance of these institutions to the nation. This led him to the founding of the Organization to Conserve Black Colleges in 1970 and the Cincinnati Association of Black University and College Alumni. Both of these organizations still exist and serve the Cincinnati area with the objective of increasing the community's awareness of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities. As a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, he revived the service arm of the fraternity Guide Right. This organization provides speakers for schools and organizations, in school tutoring, scholarships and recreational activities for children and youth.

In 1969, Mack also worked with Mr. James W. Woodson, then Director of Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the Tuskegee National Alumni Association, to re-establish the Cincinnati Tuskegee Alumni Association, where he served as president for 10 years. He is responsible for many children attending Tuskegee University, including his three children and one God child who graduated in engineering.