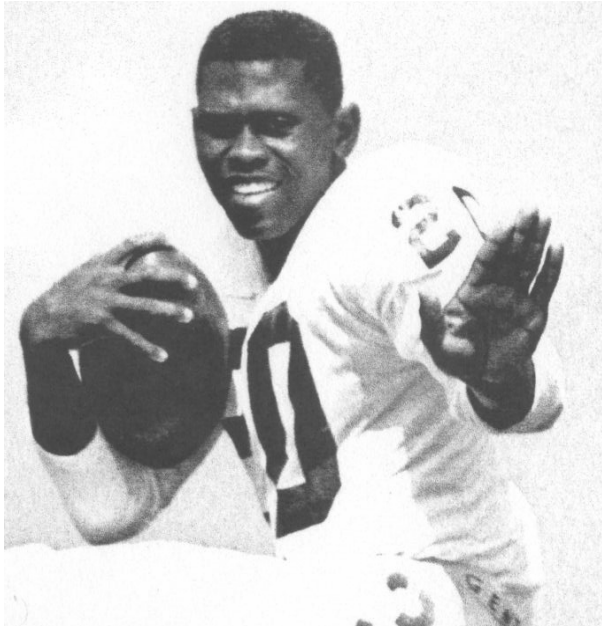


## Curtis “Curt” Gentry



Curtis “Curt” Gentry was inducted into the Hawk Hall of Fame in 1982. Curtis came to Maryland State College (MSC) from Portsmouth, Ohio in 1962 after serving several years in the military. Curtis came to Maryland State College (MSC) with a mixture of what most college’s dream of in a student.

Curtis was both a scholar and an outstanding athlete. Curtis arrived at MSC in 1962 and participated in four varsity sports: basketball, baseball, football and track, while lettering in all four.

At 6’1” and 185 pounds, Curtis received All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) honors in football as a defensive back in 1964 and 1965. During Curtis’s stay at MSC, the Hawks compiled an overall record of 18 wins, 11 losses and 1 tie.

After his time at MSC, Curtis signed as the 17<sup>th</sup> draft pick by the Chicago Bears in 1965. At age 29, Curtis was the oldest rookie to make an NFL roster. Blessed with tremendous speed and agility, Curtis initiated and popularized the “bump and run” pass coverage technique. Curtis shares a Bears’ record with 3 interceptions in one game versus the St. Louis Cardinals in 1967. Curtis played with the Bears from 1966 to 1968.

While playing sports and studying, Curtis served as student government president and maintained a B+ grade point average. Curtis graduated from MSC in 1966 with a degree in Physical Education and a Masters in Education from Northwestern University. Curtis was a college football coach for 10 years; included in those years he was a head coach twice and an athletic director. Curtis’s career statistics with in the NFL are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Defense</u>					
		<u>Games</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Fumbles</u>
1966	Chicago Bears	13	1	0	0.0	0	1
	0						
1967	Chicago Bears	14	4	25	6.3	0	0
	0						

1968	Chicago Bears	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>						
Career	Totals	<u>38</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>0</u>						