

## Vernon Vaughn



Vernon Vaughn was inducted into the Hawk Hall of Fame in 1977. Vernon came to Maryland State College (MSC) from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1954. Vernon was another “blue chip” athlete from Douglas High School.

During that era, Maryland State received so many top athletes from Oklahoma that some people thought Oklahoma was one of our neighboring states. The fact that Coach “Skip” McCain had been great mentor at Douglas and had left so many loyal friends was the magnet that drew the athletes here.

Vernon was often described as so intense and so strong that Skip would not allow him to scrimmage against his teammates at times. He was remembered as an outstanding performer in basketball and baseball. He was an athlete who could do it all.

After UMES, Vernon had excellent years in the Canadian Football League with the Winnipeg Rough Riders. Vernon died suddenly of acute leukemia in 1961 in the prime of his career. He was married to the former Mary Estep and their two children.

Vernon was selected All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) for 1957. Vernon’s countless contributions on the football field and in the locker room enabled the Hawks to win two CIAA championships in 1955 and 1957. During his four-year career, the MSC Hawk football program compiled an outstanding record of 27 wins, 1 tie and only 1 loss. Vernon graduated from MSC in 1960 with a degree in Industrial Arts.