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October 29, 2008

KHSAA Hall of Fame
Attn: Nominations
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Members of the Committee:

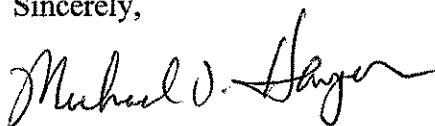
It is with great pride and excitement that I submit Coach Gerald Poynter for induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Poynter's accomplishments as the Head Football Coach at Owensboro High School include 2 tenures from 1965 to 1976 and again from 1988 to 1995. His record of 156-22-3 includes the Kentucky Class AA State Championship in 1974, Kentucky Coach of the Year awards in 1967 and 1974 and, in 20 years as a Head Coach, not one losing season.

While his on-field accomplishments alone would make him worthy of induction, Coach Poynter was a teacher and leader of men. His players, of which I was one, learned the values of hard work, character, working as a team toward a common goal, honor and respect. Coach Poynter always won with humility and accepted defeat with grace and he expected no less from his coaches and players.

Coach Poynter's reach extends beyond the football field during the many instances of personal assistance and involvement in his player's lives. He is a quiet, unassuming man who exhibits through his actions that all of us, regardless of racial, economic or social differences, have the ability to make a positive contribution to the team, to the school and to the community. Gerald has remained active in the community in many ways since his retirement including continuing to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of our regional hospital, Owensboro Medical Health System.

I can say without reservation that former students, players, coaches and colleagues hold Gerald Poynter in the highest esteem. His induction into the Hall of Fame is much deserved and I ask that the Committee select him for induction into the next Class.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael O. Hayes". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Michael O. Hayes

Owensboro Public Schools

Office of the Director of Pupil Personnel

September 18, 2008

Dear Hall of Fame Committee Members:

It is with great enthusiasm and sincerity that I compose this personal letter of recommendation for Gerald Poynter—my former teacher, assistant principal, head coach, colleague, boss (I coached for him) and friend for over twenty-five years. Coach Poynter dedicated his personal and professional life to the Owensboro Public Schools for more than fifty years. His dedication and success as a student, student-athlete, biology teacher, assistant coach, head coach and assistant principal remains legendary in Owensboro High School's long history of academic and athletic superiority.

As a student, teacher and eventually a colleague and assistant coach under Gerald Poynter, I witnessed first-hand his unwavering character, leadership and concern for his athletes and assistant coaches. He believed the discipline and commitment required to excel in football provided all young men the necessary skills to succeed later in life, which he always said was our goal as a coaching staff. His vision for players and assistant coaches went well beyond the football field—he was always preparing us for the future. It wasn't until later in my career that I realized how much he taught me about leadership and character.

As a former colleague (with an clear bias), I ask that the selection committee talk to other veteran coaches and former players about Gerald Poynter's work ethic, integrity, respect for the game and commitment to Kentucky high school football. If you make a few calls, I sincerely believe you'll quickly discover a former Owensboro High School head football coach deserving of acceptance into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. It's an old, overused cliché, but his reputation does precede him when it comes to high school football in Kentucky.

Based on the KHSAA's induction requirements, I can't think of a more deserving candidate for the Hall of Fame; therefore, it is without hesitation that I extend the highest recommendation possible for Gerald Poynter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 270.686.1000.

Sincerely,



David L. Johnson

Owensboro Public School, Director of Pupil Personnel



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Dear Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Gerald Poynter to be an inductee into the KHSAA Coaches Hall of Fame. I can think of no one more deserving of such an honor. It was truly a privilege to work with Gerald from 1987 through the end of the 1991 season at which time I chose to resign from coaching in order to pursue my current career as an administrator.

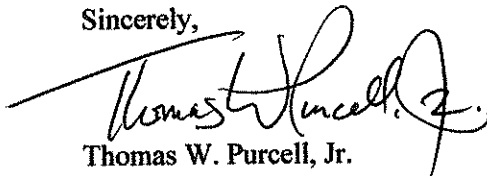
Hard-working, knowledgeable, persistent, compassionate, and humorous are just a few adjectives that describe Gerald. Practice made perfect with Gerald. As defensive coordinator, I knew that my i's had to be dotted and my t's crossed when our staff met each Sunday morning in preparation for the next week's contest. Constant studying of game film and attention to meticulous detail separated Gerald from many of his contemporaries.

Practices were run by the clock and he expected each coach to teach the game plan to his respective position players during the assigned periods. There was also time provided to address fundamentals during each practice. Gerald was always there, making sure things went well, offering any encouragement or advice when needed. He was never one to scold a player harshly in front of his teammates. As a matter of fact, I can think of only one time during my wonderful five years under Gerald that he actually raised his voice in anger; he always had everyone's respect.

Whether it was after a big win or after a heart breaking loss, Gerald was quick to praise not only his team for its effort, but his opponent's efforts received his accolades as well. He was a very humble coach. He epitomized what it meant to represent the "Tradition of Excellence" at Owensboro High School.

Not once did I ever feel that our football team went into a contest unprepared. Not only that, there wasn't a time when I felt that our team didn't give its best effort; Gerald would call this, "laying it all on the line". I often read about coaches who have been rewarded for their outstanding accomplishments by being elected into their respective sport's hall of fame. Gerald Poynter deserves this honor. I recommend him with absolutely no reservations.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Purcell, Jr.

Members of the Committee,

I write to you as a reference for Mr. Gerald Poynter as a candidate for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. I personally believe that Coach Poynter is very deserving of this honor due to his many contributions as a player, coach, and mentor for Owensboro High School. His accomplishments are well published and known throughout the state of Kentucky (Please see list below.). I ask you also to consider his dedication and work off the field and out of the media limelight. Coach Poynter has helped numerous players and coaches advance to higher achievements. Coach continues to stay active behind the scenes of our football program. He has served on football hiring committees, consulted on facility improvements, and continued to help both current and former players. He is a fixture in our program.

Coach Poynter is a person of outstanding moral character. He has led by example throughout his career. He has been and continues to be a community leader. He currently serves on the Owensboro Mercy Hospital Systems Board.

Coach Gerald Poynter's accomplishments are as follows:

- 20 years head coaching record in football, 152 wins, 68 losses, and 3 ties. He won 68% of his games.
- All-time winningest coach at Owensboro High School.
- Every OHS Head Football Coach since 1976 has served as an assistant under Coach Poynter.
- Won state championship in 1974 and went undefeated with a 13-0 record.
- Coached a 28 game win streak from 1973-1975.
- 1974 Coach of the Year.
- Served on the KHSAA Football Advisory Committee.
- 4 year letterman in football at Western Kentucky University (57-60)
- Started Varsity at OHS 3 years (54-56)
- All WKC Team

Finally, as you can see, Coach Poynter has had a great impact on football in Owensboro High Schools success. I have played for two Hall of Fame Coaches: Mr. Jack Morris at Mayfield High School and Mr. Jerry Claiborne at the University of Kentucky. Having been coached by these two great coaches, I believe that Coach Gerald Poynter is from the same mold. I appreciate your consideration in electing Coach Poynter to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Joe Prince

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Coach Poynter's record of victories and a state championship point to superior athletic success. While that success is certainly noteworthy, it is the manner in which Coach Poynter achieved success on the field that is the real measure of his value to others. It is the combined qualities of respect, dignity, integrity, honor, sportsmanship as well as humility that Coach Poynter taught to his players. The teaching of those values is well recognized and affirmed by others who have never been in the football locker room or on a football field.

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Respectfully submitted,

Anita Burnette, Principal

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Resigning OHS coach 'enjoyed all parts' of job

By Jake Jennings
Messenger-Inquirer

An emotional Gerald Poynter, recalling the many coaches and players who made a lasting impression on him, announced his resignation as head football coach Monday night during the fall sports awards banquet at Owensboro High School.

Poynter, 57, served as head coach for 20 years at OHS, the school where he played football as a lineman before continuing his playing career at Western Kentucky University.

"I'll miss it, but there are some other things that I need to do in my life," he said. "I've got grandkids now. All my kids are older. I've never had a chance to travel very much."

Poynter's time as the Red Devils' head coach was split into two tenures. He was named head coach in '65 and managed the program until Don Netoskie took over in '77. Larry Moore coached the Red Devils beginning in '83, and Poynter came back on board as head coach for the '88 season.

"I enjoyed all parts of it — the film sessions on the weekends, getting the scouting reports together — all the way up to playing a game to washing uniforms," he said. "That never bothered me. If you're going to be a high school coach, you're going to spend a big part of your life washing uniforms."

He also took care of things on the field. His teams never posted a losing record. Poynter finished at Western in '60 and began coaching as an assistant at Bowling Green High School. In '63 he came back to OHS as an assistant under Ralph Genito.

In '74, Poynter guided Owensboro through a 13-0 season, capping it with a 14-7 victory over Middlesboro to claim the Class 2-A state championship. The title season came in the middle of an impressive run. Starting in '73, the Red Devils won 28 consecutive games through late '75.

Wins were one thing, but Poynter said watching players develop was another reward.

"I enjoyed the winter program as much as anything," he said. "I think I enjoyed that more than the other parts of it, in that you can watch your freshmen turn into sophomores and juniors and go from 145 pounds to 195 pounds.... I enjoyed watching them grow."

Gerald Poynter File



Bob Bruck, Messenger-Inquirer

- **Age:** 57.
- **Playing experience:** Varsity lineman at Owensboro High School (1954-56); lineman at Western Kentucky University (1957-60).
- **Coaching experience:** Served as assistant coach under Jim Pickens Sr. at Bowling Green High School 1961-62; assistant at OHS 1963-64; head coach at OHS from 1965-76 and 1988-95.
- **Accomplishments:** No losing seasons as head coach; won Class 2-A state championship with 13-0 record in 1974; OHS had 28-game winning streak from 1973-75.
- **Career record:** 152-66-3.

(Year-by-year record, Page 2B)

But he said a constant and to focus on football does take its toll.

"I looked at so much film — miles of film," he said. "On Saturday afternoons, I'd watch a college football game, and on Sundays, a pro game. It was just a mirage of that same thing — and it wears you out."

Poynter said he looks forward to being a football fan again, adding that he hasn't been to a University of Kentucky or Western Kentucky contest in a long time.

In honoring Poynter, school principal Larry Moore said Owensboro has a lot of football fans that "bleed blue," but OHS' big challenge will be finding someone that "bleeds red and black." — just like Gerald Poynter.



Associated Press

s' 20-3 victory. More on the NFL, Page 3B.

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Stewart was on the field for fewer than a dozen plays, yet clearly outplayed Zeier, whom Modell forecast only two weeks ago would excite Cleveland fans like no Browns' rookie ever.

Erric Pegram ran for 112 yards on 26 carries, 76 of them in the second half as the Steelers sat on leads of 7-3, 10-3, 13-3 and 20-3. It was their first 100-yard rushing game since the now-retired Barry Foster's 133 yards in the Steelers' 29-9 playoff victory over Cleveland last season.

The defending division champion Steelers (6-4) won their third in a row since a stretch of four losses in five games, and now lead Cincinnati and Cleveland in two games. The Steelers can in effect put the division away by winning Sunday in Cincinnati and again Nov. 26 in Cleveland in probably their last visit to ancient Cleveland Stadium.

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953	105.9
1063	106.3
1078	107.8
1231	111.9
1033	114.8
1178	117.8
1082	120.2
1204	120.4
1221	122.1
1236	123.6
1242	124.2
1252	125.2
1381	125.5
1263	126.3
1268	126.8
1278	127.8
1305	130.5
1176	130.7
1317	131.7
1336	133.6
1211	134.6
1348	134.8
1348	134.8
1245	138.3
1384	138.4
1388	138.8
1403	140.3
1418	141.8
1424	142.4
1425	142.5
1283	142.6
1446	144.6
1305	145.0
1306	145.1
1312	145.8
1471	147.1
1481	148.1
1499	149.9
1507	150.7
1358	150.9

Seattle at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

JAZZ 103 RAPTORS 100 UTAH (103)

Benoit 2-6 1-1 5; Malone 8-12 6-9 22; Ostertag 1-1 0-0 2; Stockton 11-16 7-9 29; Morris 4-9 6-6 17; Carr 1-3 0-0 2; Hornacek 3-8 4-4 10; Watson 1-2 0-0 2; Toolson 1-4 0-0 2; Keefe 3-5 0-0 6; Foster 2-3 1-2 5; Russell 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 37-70 26-33 103.

TORONTO (100)

Salley 2-5 2-2 6; Anderson 8-12 6-6 22; Miller 3-13 1-2 7; Stoudamire 3-11 1-2 7; Robertson 7-11 5-7 22; Murray 7-18 3-3 19; Pinckney 2-4 6-7 10; Tabak 1-2 0-0 2; Rogers 1-2 0-0 2; Earl 0-1 3-4 3. Totals 34-79 27-33 100.

Utah 24 20 37 22—103
Toronto 29 20 22 29—100

3-Point goals—Utah 3-14 (Morris 3-5, Russell 0-1, Benoit 0-2, Stockton 0-2, Hornacek 0-2, Toolson 0-2), Toronto 5-13 (Robertson 3-4, Murray 2-5, Anderson 0-1, Stoudamire 0-3). Fouled out—Anderson. Rebounds—Utah 39 (Malone 11), Toronto 52 (Pinckney 10). Assists—Utah 24 (Stockton 12), San Antonio 26 (Stoudamire 9). Total fouls—Utah 29, Toronto 29. Technicals—Benoit, Anderson, Miller, Robertson, Toronto illegal defense 4. A—18,351 (34,215).

Hockey

NHL STANDINGS EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	13	4	0	26	62	41
N.Y. Rangers	11	5	1	23	64	50
Philadelphia	9	6	3	21	63	43
New Jersey	9	6	1	19	47	39
Washington	9	7	0	18	46	44
Tampa Bay	3	9	4	10	44	64
N.Y. Islanders	2	11	2	6	38	64

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	8	3	3	19	74	41
Montreal	9	7	0	18	49	46
Hartford	6	7	1	13	34	47
Buffalo	6	9	1	13	49	52
Ottawa	6	9	0	12	44	54
Boston	5	8	2	12	51	56

WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	9	5	2	20	60	38
Toronto	8	5	3	19	57	48
Chicago	8	6	3	19	60	51
Winnipeg	7	7	2	16	59	60
St. Louis	7	8	1	15	40	47
Dallas	5	5	5	15	45	47

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	11	3	2	24	64	41
Los Angeles	8	4	5	21	59	53
Anaheim	8	10	0	16	59	57
Vancouver	5	7	5	15	64	72
Edmonton	5	7	4	14	42	59
Calgary	2	11	4	8	34	62
San Jose	1	11	4	6	49	81

Sunday's Games

New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 2
Buffalo 6, Tampa Bay 4
Montreal 4, Vancouver 2
Edmonton 4, Chicago 4, tie

ton 1, Hawaii 1, Manhattan 1, SW Missouri St. 1, South Carolina 1, South Florida 1.

PRESEASON NIT

First Round

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Manhattan at Georgia Tech

Jackson State at Oklahoma

DePaul at Michigan

Weber State at Fresno State

Northeast Louisiana at Arkansas

Long Beach State at Arizona

Thursday, Nov. 16

Colgate at Georgetown

Rider at Temple

Prep Football

GERALD POYNTER'S RECORD

Gerald Poynter's football coaching record at Owensboro High School:

Year	W	L	Tie	Pct.
1965	8	1	0	.889
1966	5	5	0	.500
1967	9	1	0	.900
1968	8	2	0	.800
1969	5	5	0	.500
1970	6	4	1	.591
1971	7	3	1	.682
1972	6	5	0	.545
1973	7	3	1	.682
x-1974	13	0	0	1.000
1975	9	2	0	.818
1976	6	5	0	.545
1988	7	4	0	.636
1989	6	4	0	.600
1990	10	4	0	.714
1991	8	4	0	.667
1992	8	4	0	.667
1993	11	1	0	.917
1994	6	5	0	.545
1995	7	4	0	.636
Total	152	66	3	.690

x-won state championship

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Friday's third-round games

(All times Central)

CLASS 1-A

Murray (10-2) at Mayfield (11-1), 7:30 p.m.

Garrard County (10-2) at Harrodsburg (11-1), 7:30 p.m.

Newport Central Catholic (10-2) at Beechwood (9-2), 6:30 p.m.

Pikeville (11-1) at Middlesboro (9-3), 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 2-A

Owensboro Catholic (9-3) at Fort Campbell (11-1), 7:30 p.m.

Fort Knox (9-3) at Franklin-Simpson (10-2), 7 p.m.

Boyle County (10-2) at Danville (11-1), 6:30 p.m.

Breathitt County (12-0) at Lloyd-Memorial (12-0), 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 3-A

Bowling Green (12-0) at Hopkinsville (12-0), 7:30 p.m.

Montgomery County (8-4) at Lincoln County (7-5), 6:30 p.m.

Covington Holmes (8-4) at Fort Thomas Highlands (9-3), 6:30 p.m.

Beatty (10-2) at Leslie County (10-2), 6:30 p.m.

1995—Greg Maddux, Atlanta

NOTE: From 1956-1966 there was one selection from both leagues.

Horse Racing

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Tuesday's entries

First race	6 1/2 furlongs
1. Gaetana's Star	Sarvis
2. Too Fast To Change	Borel
3. Hurry Summer	Martin Jr
4. Sandystar Girl	Bisone
5. Cheer For A Lady	Trosclair
6. Be In Style	Perret
7. Vernon Vixen	Day
8. Kelly J	Thompson
9. Navajo Rain	Martin Jr
10. Quality Time	Day
11. Rare Rosa	Trosclair
12. Miss Docutach	Rennie
13. Desert Flower	Heath
14. Smart'n Rare	D'Amico
15. Timeferacoolone	Vasquez
16. Smells Fishy	Rennie
Second race	6 1/2 furlongs
1. Leapus Creek	Thompson
2. Carlisle Lady	Sarvis
3. Country Empress	Gryder
4. Native Nild	Neagle
5. Rosy's Lorna	Brennan
6. Midnight Witch	Heath
7. Slewplay	Sellers

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MONDAY'S BASEBALL

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FOOTBALL

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COLLEGE

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football coach.
MICHIGAN—Ham
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TARLETON STATI
ball coach.

CALENDAR

Local sports/Tuesday, Nov.

On television

Tennis

ATP World Championship, ESPN, noon

Horse racing

ESPN2's Racing Challenge, ESPN2, 2 p.m.

NHL hockey

Dallas at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

NBA basketball

Chicago at Orlando, TNT, 7 p.m.

Men's college exhibition basketball

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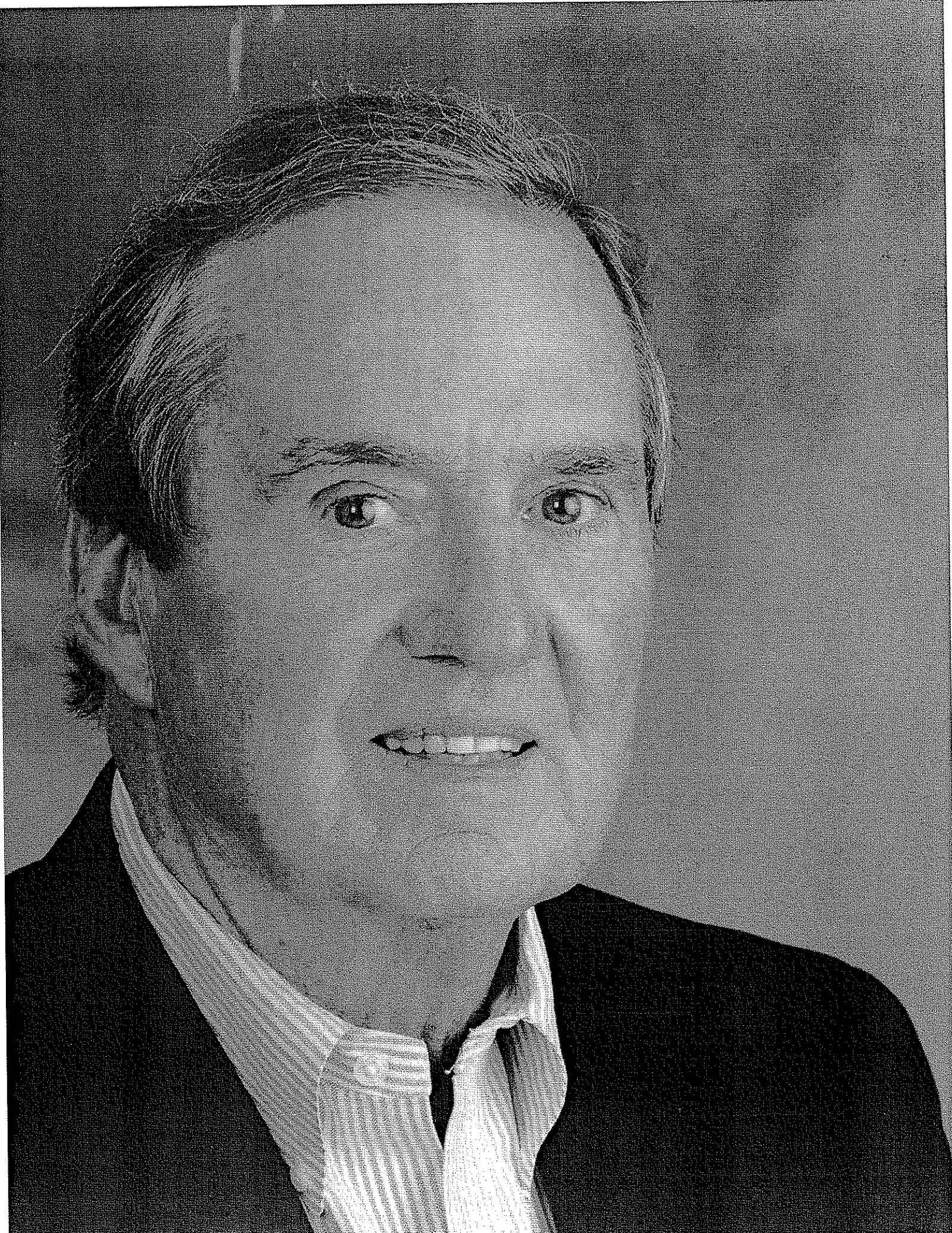
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GERALD D. POYNTER

1908 Mayfair - Owensboro, KY

EDUCATION

OWENSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

1954 - 1957

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

B.S. 1957 - 1961

Masters - 1963

Rank 1 - 1970

MILITARY

U.S. MARINE RESERVES 1956 - 1961

EXPERIENCE

BOWLING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL 1961 - 1963

- Assistant Football Coach with Coach Jim Pickins
- Freshmen Basketball Coach
- Golf Coach

OWENSBORO HIGH SCHOOL 1963 - 1996

- Biology Teacher 1963 - 1978
- Assistant Football Coach with Coach Ralph Genito 1963 - 1965
- Golf Coach 1963 - 1965
- Head Football Coach 1965 - 1976
- Tennis Coach 1977 - 1978
- Assistant Principal 1978 - 1996
- Head Football Coach 1988 - 1995
- Retired 1996

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Record 152 - 66 - 3
- Kentucky Coach of the Year
 - All Classes 1967
 - Class Two A 1974
- State Championship 1974
- Third longest winning streak in Kentucky history at that time (28 consecutive games) from 1973 to 1975
- Compiled a History of Owensboro High School Football from 1895 to 1975
- Working on a history of OHS players in the famous Center Harvard Game
- All State Team 1956
- All OVC Team 1960
- Never had a losing season

CIVIC

- KHSAA Realignment Committee 1990 - 1993
- KHSAA Basketball Officiating Standards 1976 - 1978
- Rotary Club
- Owensboro Public Schools Federal Credit Union
Board of Directors, Twelve Years
President, Four Years
- Owensboro Natural Science Museum Board, Four Years
- Preservation Alliance Board, Four Years
- United Way Pacesetter Group, 1998

FAMILY

- Married Anne Eastin of Madisonville - Teacher - Sutton Elementary
Children:
Allyson Humphry - Social Worker
Leigh Anne Littlefield - Teacher - Bowling Green
Brad Poynter - Senior - DePauw University

HOBBIES

- Tennis
- Golf
- Gardening

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

- The Law Firm of Sheffer Hutchinson Kinney - Public Relations

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January 28, 2000

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Apollo High School
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Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

Dear Dale:

This letter is in response to a conversation we had several weeks ago concerning recommendations to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I am extremely pleased to recommend Gerald Poynter, former football coach of Owensboro High School, to this position of honor.

Gerald was head football coach at Owensboro High School from 1965-1976 and then again from 1988-1995. During this time, his teams won a total of 152 games while losing only 66. His winning percentage (70%) is the highest of any coach in the history of Owensboro High School which has had an outstanding record in its storied history.

Coach Poynter's 1974 Red Devils football team won the state championship in Class II A. He was named Kentucky coach of the year in 1967 (all classes) and again in 1974 (Class II A). From 1973 to 1975 his teams had the third longest winning streak in Kentucky football history, which was 28 games at that time. In his 20 years as a head football coach he never had a losing season.

Gerald Poynter was an outstanding high school football player and was named to the All-State Football Team in 1956. He was named to the All-OVC Team while playing tackle at Western Kentucky University in 1960.

Mr. Dale Stewart, Principal

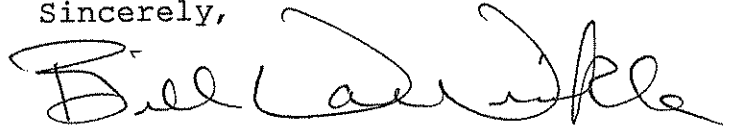
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Mr. Poynter taught Biology, coached golf and tennis, and was an Assistant Principal at Owensboro High School. He served in the United States Marine Reserves from 1956-1961. He has a long list of civic activities that he has been involved with during his years in Owensboro. A vita of Mr. Poynter is enclosed.

I respectfully request that you place his name in nomination during the upcoming 2000 selection process for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I thank you for your assistance in this matter and good luck to you as a board member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Van Winkle", with a stylized, cursive script.

Bill Van Winkle

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Enclosure

c: Louis Stout, KHSAA Commissioner
KHSAA Board Members