



Lawrence Pettis  
Past president

# Fayetteville State Boasts "Little Bigman"

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Fayetteville - When you think of linemen in football you usually think of big bulky men with muscles on top of muscles, who line up during the course of a game and try to use their brute strength and size to move an opponent out of the way. It is a position where only the big and strong survive, right?

Well, at Fayetteville State University there is one exception. Instead of boasting one of those bulky linemen, they boast the smallest linemen in the conference. He is 5'10", 190 pound center Steve Armstrong. Steve, a 21 year old senior Business major out of Richmond, Va., may be the smallest lineman at the Central Intercollegiate Athletic

Association (CIAA), but he also ranks at the top at his position.

Aside from being tagged the "smallest lineman" in the conference, he is also dubbed the "dirtiest" by announcers and counterparts throughout the CIAA.

"I don't consider myself a dirty player, although I have been called that by many people, some just kidding and some quite serious," said Steve. "In all honesty I consider myself an aggressive player who goes until the whistle is blown. To some that may look dirty, to me it's just hustle." And aggressiveness and hustle are good adjectives to describe Steve. During the game he can be seen giving that extra

effort, getting another block, and making sure his presence is known on the field.

You might wonder how Steve might prepare himself to go against men who usually outweigh him by 30 to 40 pounds?

"I don't really do anything special to prepare for opponents that

are usually larger than myself," Steve said. "I just try to use what I have been taught by my coaches over the years. Also, I try to be more aggressive than my opponents."

To Steve, being small has its advantages. Since he is smaller than opponents, he is usually quicker, and knowing that he is smaller makes him play that much harder.



Steve Armstrong  
190-pound center

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## NCCU Alumni

### To Honor Pettis

The North Carolina Central University Alumni Association began its new meeting year by first honoring past president, Lawrence Pettis, presenting him with a plaque for Outstanding Service to the Association.

New officers for the Association were initiated. The office holders are as follows: Marie Grier, president; Linwood Foust, vice president; Sylvia Casey, secretary; Teresa Pinckney, assistant secretary; Loretta Harry, corresponding secretary; Margie Morris, assistant corresponding secretary; Nelbra Waddell, treasurer; Darie Washington, financial secretary; and William Malone as parliamentarian.

The new officers for the year gave full reports and alerted the Association to the Homecoming Raffle Tickets which are on sale for a brand new economy car to be raffled off at Central's Homecoming game in Durham, N.C., November 3. There is no limit on the amount of tickets that can be purchased for a \$2 donation.

An annual High School Recruitment Day is scheduled for October 20. The Association will transport as many as two bus loads of high school students from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to Durham to visit the campus and participate in campus activities. All parents interested in having their children participate should contact Peggy Ward or Robert Montgomery.

For further information regarding the NCCU Alumni programs, contact any of the listed officers. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, at the Greenville Center, 7:30 p.m.



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