

O. TYRONE BARNETT

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O. Tyrone Barnett, a 1961 Orrville High School graduate, lettered all four years he played football.

Co-captain of his team as a senior, Barnett was voted the most valuable player on a team that had a 9-1 record. He earned an All-Ohio honorable mention.

In high school, he also earned two letters in basketball and three in baseball, in which he also won the outstanding player award.

Barnett went to Ohio State University, where he played football all four years, earning three letters as an offensive halfback and defensive cornerback.

In his fifth year, he served as an OSU assistant freshman football coach.

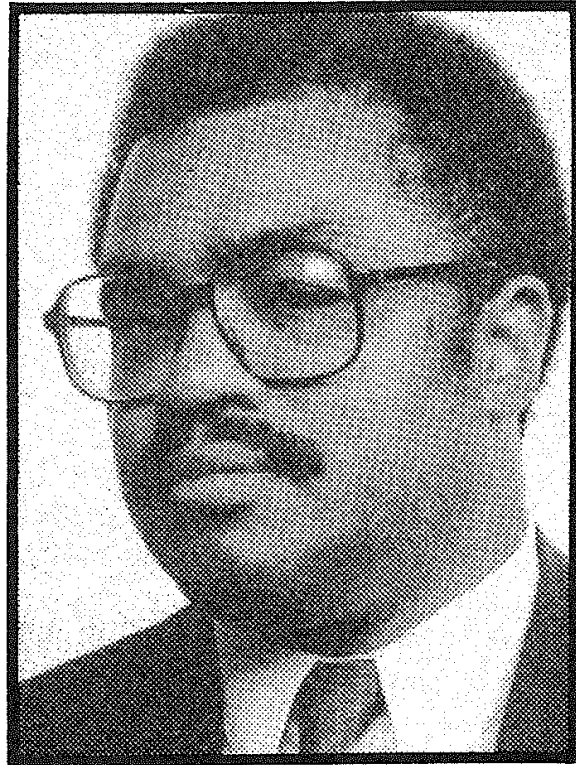
Roy Lockett, a fellow high school football player and good friend, said Barnett started at OSU as a sophomore in the same backfield with Matt Snell and former Browns player Paul Warfield.

"He played well until he received a chest injury," Lockett said, "from then on he was spotty."

"We go way back," he said. "I was best man for his wedding and he was best man for my wedding."

Barnett retired as a U.S Navy commander in 1989 and now has his own business called Operational Systems.

He and his wife live at 7007 Asbury Drive, Springfield, Va. They are the parents of three sons.



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