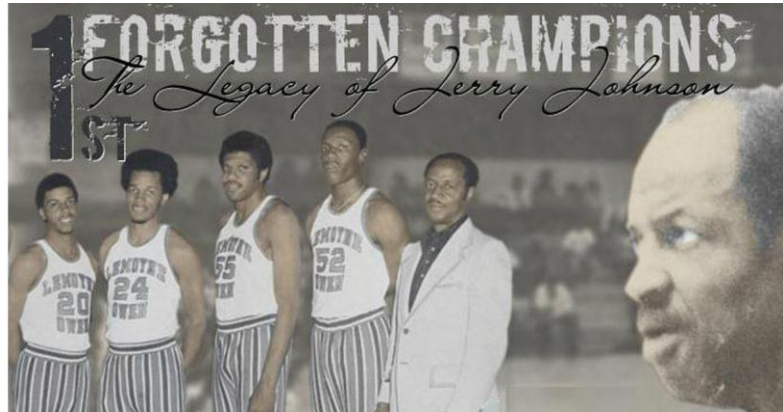


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COACHES CLINIC WITH FRANK HAITH, DAMON STOUDAMIRE, PENNY HARDAWAY AND THE SHOT DR. JUNE 16, 9AM AT LEMOYNE-OWEN COLLEGE

*Coaches' clinic, film documentary, gym renaming, golf tournament
and birthday celebration scheduled for June 14-16 by Memphis Alumni Chapter of
LeMoyne-Owen College*

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- The LeMoyne-Owen College Athletic Department will host a free Coaches' Clinic featuring University of Missouri head basketball coach Frank Haith, University of Memphis assistant coach and former NBA star Damon Stoudamire along with 5-time NBA All-Star Penny Hardaway and the Shot Dr. Buzz Braman. Open to community, school and college basketball coaches, the clinic is part of LeMoyne-Owen's JCU Sports Weekend hosted by the Memphis Alumni Chapter honoring legendary Coach Jerry C. Johnson who led the LeMoyne-Owen athletic program for 46 years. The Coaches' Clinic will be held on Saturday, June 16, 9am in the C. Arthur Bruce Hall/Jerry C. Johnson Gymnasium on the campus of LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Avenue, Memphis, TN 38126. William Anderson is currently Director of Athletics for LeMoyne-Owen. According to Coach Anderson, registration will be held on-site. For more information, call 901.435.1235.

The clinic is sponsored by the LeMoyne-Owen College Athletic Department and the Memphis Alumni Chapter of LeMoyne-Owen College which will host the Jerry C. Johnson Sports Weekend on Thursday, June 14 through Saturday, June 16, 2012. The only men's basketball coach in Tennessee to win a NCAA National Championship, Coach Johnson served as Head Basketball Coach and Athletic Director at LeMoyne-Owen for 46 years. He led the Magicians for 1,268 games with 821 wins while mentoring a number of future professional basketball players, doctors, lawyers, politicians, and educators. He will turn 94 on June 20th. His career is being documented in a new film documentary entitled the "First Forgotten Champions: The Legacy of Jerry Johnson."

In addition to the basketball clinic and invitation-only premiere of the film, highlights of JCU Sports Weekend include renaming of the school gymnasium on Thursday, June 14, 10 a.m. at LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Avenue., the Celebrity Golf Scramble on Friday, June 15,

8 a.m. at Tunica National Golf Course in Tunica, Miss., and the culminating event dubbed the Suits and Sneakers Birthday Celebration: It's A Party – Fun...Food...Games on Saturday, June 16, in the C. Arthur Bruce Hall gymnasium at LeMoyne-Owen. An excerpt from the film will be shown during the birthday celebration along with video tributes and birthday greetings for Coach Johnson. Proceeds from the JCJ Sports Weekend will be used to endow the Jerry C. Johnson Scholarship Fund. For event tickets and other information, call the LOC Athletic Office at 901-435-1235 or Memphis Alumni Chapter president Jeffrey Higgs at 901-672-8364.

The "First Forgotten Champions" movie produced by Morreco Coleman of Daydream Studios features former players, such as Robert Newman (Most Valuable Player, 1975), other college alumni, elected officials and community leaders. In addition to Newman, the list of those featured in the movie include Jack Collins, Willie Gregory, Willie Herenton, Clint Jackson, Travis King, Larry Lewis, Rickey Means, Robert Newman and Bobby Todd; Memphis Councilman Myron Lowery; Congressman Steve Cohen; Coaches John Calipari, Josh Pastner, and Verties Sails Jr.; LOC Trustee Board chairman Robert Lipscomb and College President Johnnie B. Watson as well as Coach Johnson's daughter Wanda Haywood, his son Jerry Johnson Jr. and others.

During his 46-year tenure, Coach Johnson led the LeMoyne-Owen Magicians to the 1975 NCAA Division III Championship, five SIAC Championships, five Championship titles in the former Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) plus many NCAA regional play offs. When inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2006, he was ranked first among active NCAA Division II coaches with 821 wins in 46 seasons and is one of the few NCAA men's basketball coaches who have won more than 800 games. Coach Johnson was named VSAC Coach of the Year four consecutive years (1971 through 1974) and SIAC Coach of the Year in 1999, 2000 and 2005. A graduate of Fayetteville State University (N.C.) and Columbia University (N.Y.), he was inducted to the Fayetteville State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991 and to the SIAC Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from LeMoyne-Owen in 1999. A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Coach Johnson retired at the end of his 46th season in 2005.

Members of the 1975 Championship team were Morris Atkins, Terry Gray, Clint Jackson, Larry Lewis, Jerry McNeal, Ricky Means, Robert Newman (MVP), Willie Parr, David Phillips, Michael Richardson, Ernest Ross, and Milton Stephens. Edison Ezell was team manager.

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