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LeMoyne-Owen College Welcomes New Athletic Director

Taps former Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) legislative council member

MEMPHIS, TN (July 2, 2013) LeMoyne-Owen College president Johnnie B. Watson has hired former LeMoyne-Owen College men’s basketball standout Clint Jackson as the college’s new athletic director, effective July 1, 2013.

Jackson replaces William Anderson who served both as athletic director and coach of the LeMoyne-Owen College Magicians basketball team. Anderson remains on staff as the men’s basketball coach. According to Watson, the change is in keeping with one of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II’s guiding principles of a model athletic program regarding athletic director management. The guideline states: “The AD should serve as a primary athletics administrator and should not have other major responsibilities (e.g., should not also serve as a compliance officer; should not serve as a coach).”

“While William Anderson has served the College well as Head Men’s Basketball Coach and Athletic Director, the NCAA Division II Blueprint Compliance Review conducted for LeMoyne-Owen College indicated that “the potential for conflicts of interests are a significant concern” and cites this as a vulnerability in the Compliance Review,” Watson said.

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Clint Jackson has exemplary qualifications with a master’s degree in Athletic Administration from the University of Memphis and high school coaching experience. He also served on the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) legislative council for five years and is a former principal of Fairley High School (retired). Mr. Jackson was a star player on the NCAA Division II national championship team in 1975 under Coach Jerry Johnson. His outstanding play during the championship earned him a spot on the all-tournament team. Jackson’s jersey was retired earlier this year and hangs from the rafters of the gymnasium in C. Arthur Bruce/Jerry C. Johnson Hall.

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