

MATA HALL OF FAME

Class of 2003



EARNEST L. "DOC" HARRINGTON

Doc Harrington was born in Hattiesburg, MS in 1931. After spending one year as an undergraduate at Tulane he returned to his hometown and the University of Southern Mississippi. He began his tenure as the Head Athletic Trainer at Southern Miss in 1958 through his retirement in 1991. During his tenure in Hattiesburg he also served as the school's tennis coach and equipment manager. In addition to holding a doctorate in education, Doc was a licensed Physical Therapist and a Colonel in the US Army Reserves. Doc also served for a number of years beginning in 1960 as the Head Athletic Trainer for the Senior Bowl. He is a member of the National Football Foundation Sports Hall of Fame, the USM Hall of Fame, and a 1987 inductee into the NATA Hall of Fame.