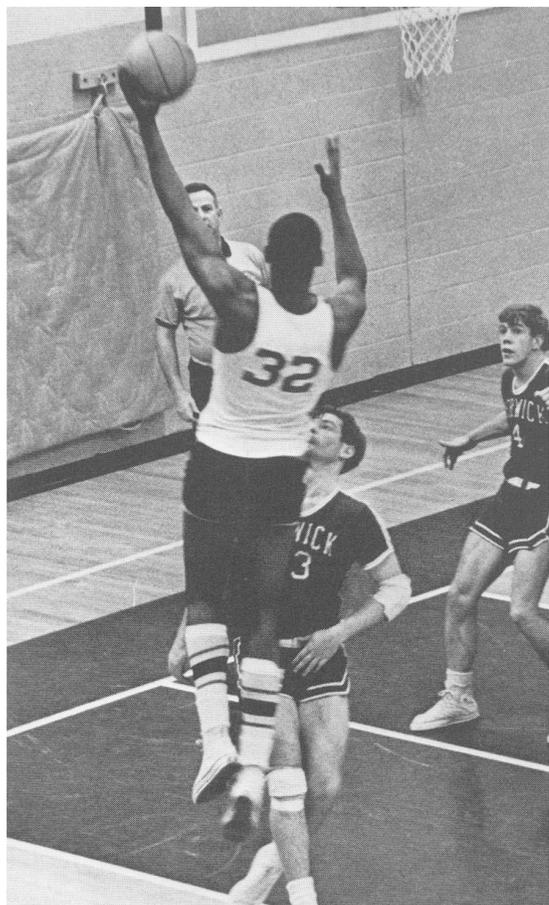


Raymond E. Johnson '67

Raymond Johnson is a member of the North Yarmouth Academy class of 1967. Although Ray spent only his senior year at NYA, he had a lasting impact on his classmates and coaches. He stood six feet seven inches tall and weighed 230 pounds. Not only did this make him a physical presence at NYA, he also had quite an impact on the NYA community as a student and classmate. Ray's sport was basketball, but that did not stop him from participating in other sports as well. Classmate Oakley Jones '67 commented that he was "the most dominant athlete to ever attend NYA! He was a dominant power forward in basketball, a terror in lacrosse, and All State as a tight end in football."

In the fall of 1966, Ray became a part of the first football team at NYA. His coach, Bill Bradford, was brought in to build the program. Ray's height and incredible quickness made him a perfect candidate for the team. For the Panthers, he played both offensive and defensive end. In a year of many "firsts," Ray also became a member of the first varsity boys lacrosse program. He tallied a game high of 4 goals in his first season ever picking up a lacrosse stick.

As a basketball player, it became quite evident that he was



and would be one of the most successful

players to come through the state of Maine. In an article announcing Ray as the Forum Award recipient, the following was written: "Hustle is the best word to describe Ray. He doesn't hesitate to dive for a ball and because of his speed (fastest player on the team) he often comes up with spectacular defensive plays" (The Forum, 1967). Ray averaged over 25 rebounds and 33.5 points per game.

After leading his team to the championship his senior year, Ray attended Providence College where he was a part of the Friars' men's basketball program. He played in a total of 77 games, contributing as an outstanding scorer and rebounder. Throughout his collegiate career at Providence, he averaged 9.6 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. In the 1970 season alone, he averaged 11.6 points and 10.5 rebounds per game.

When it comes to Ray Johnson's athletic career, it is safe to say that he was dedicated to his institutions, his teams, and his coaches. His work ethic, coupled with his unparalleled athleticism, made him a valuable part of the NYA community. North Yarmouth Academy is proud to induct Raymond E. Johnson '67 into the Edgar F. White '38 Athletic Hall of Fame.

