



# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



*L. Wallace "Wally" Cross*

*Class of 1952*

*Football*

Wally Cross '52 was a three-year letterman in football. As a senior, he played halfback on defense and tackle on offense in helping Ohio Wesleyan compile an 8-1 record and win the OAC championship with a 6-0 mark. That year, he intercepted a pass at the Bishop 15-yard line to stop a Denison threat in OWU's homecoming win. Following his senior season, he was elected as honorary captain of the 1951 Ohio Conference Championship Team, named to the 1951 All-Ohio Conference First team, and named to the AP, All-Ohio second team. His junior year, he played quarterback on offense and helped Ohio Wesleyan to a 5-3-1 overall record and a 4-0-1 mark in the OAC, good for a second-place finish. As a sophomore, he lettered as a halfback.

Wally notes that a favorite memory from his playing days is Coach Fraser's statement at the beginning of each season..."The important thing is not whether you win or lose, but whether you can live with yourself afterwards." "In short, did you give it your best effort?"

A dedicated student at OWU, Cross was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), was the Student Body Treasurer and a member of the Arnold Air Society. Upon graduation from OWU, Wally served two years in the Air Force. Wally retired from the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. in 1991 as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He continued to serve on their Board of Directors until 1998. Wally and his wife Anne Hopkins Cross have been married for 54 years. They have three children and eleven grandchildren.