

Dr. Edgar B. Wycoff

2007 WPHS Alumni Circle of Distinction

Ed Wycoff was on the Wildcat football team, lettered in baseball, and was one of the original members of the WPHS Varsity Club, graduating in 1953. With an MBA from Rollins and a Ph.D. in communication from Florida State University, he was a leading performer with the FSU Circus, and an acrobat on NBC's "Today Show" and the nationally-televised "Sealtest Big Top." At FSU, Ed was also cadet commander of the Air Force ROTC.

Ed has been a national award-winning professor at the University of Central Florida (retired as an emeritus professor after 35 years), and was honored by UCF and the Florida Board of Regents with their highest award for distinguished professional service. He won the National Speaker Association's highest award as an educator [Professor of the Year] and was consultant to the general manager of the NBA's Magic and at IBM Corporate headquarters.

Ed is also a national award-winning humorist speaker, an international award-winning writer, and a national award-winning military officer. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel after 30 years of service, receiving numerous awards including three Air Force Meritorious Service medals. As a frequent master of ceremonies, he has introduced some of country's leading personalities in aviation and space, motion pictures, television and government including the first U.S. astronaut Admiral Alan Shepard, on the anniversary of Shepard's historic flight. Ed is listed in the International Who's Who in Humor Research and Who's Who in Professional Speaking. During the Bicentennial, Ed was pictured in the international press as Abe Lincoln, with applauding Ronald Reagan looking on. Before UCF, Ed was with Lockheed Martin in Orlando traveling the U.S. for ten years presenting the eminently popular lecture-comedy "How Not to Communicate."

Ed was co-founder of the WPHS Sports Hall of Fame, along with Bob Mosher and Ned Biddix, and was the "voice" of the Hall of Fame for most of the early annual banquet programs since it began 20 years ago in 1995. Founder Mosher asked that Ed be inducted into the Hall for his creative launch the Hall's first program and for producing years of inspiring banquet programs.