



MEN'S BASKETBALL

RETIRED JERSEYS



11 retired jerseys are adorned in the rafters of Calihan Hall, symbols of the greatness of the players who wore them.

No. 17 belonged to the University's first basketball All-American, the late Bob Calihan. He played between 1938 and '40 for the Red and White, leading the Titans to 45 victories against only 18 setbacks in those three varsity seasons. Calihan led the Titans in scoring three years running, and broke all existing school point production records in the process. Later, he would serve his alma mater as both head basketball coach and athletic director.

The No. 22 of the late Dave DeBusschere became nationally-renowned when the Titans, led by their 6-8 All-American forward, made their first three post-season tournament appearances in 1960, '61 and '62. DeBusschere is the only Titan player ever to average more than 20 points per game in three consecutive seasons. He is currently second on the all-time Titan scoring list. Additionally, he still holds the team's game, season and career rebounding records. A Titan baseball star as well, he is one of only five athletes ever to earn first-team All-American recognition in two sports.

The last player to wear No. 44, center Terry Tyler played four varsity seasons for the Titans between 1975 and '78. He was an All-American as a senior, and played on two post-season tournament teams. Tyler held the school's one-season record for field goal accuracy until 1993. Additionally, he is at the top in blocked shots for a career, season and single game. He is the fifth-leading scorer in Titan annals.

Tyler's four-year teammate, John Long, wore No. 50 until the end of his Titan career. Like Tyler, he was an All-American in 1978. Long is one of two Titans to ever to score more than 2,000 points in their career, ending his time as a Titan with 2,167 in 110 games. Long is one of three Titans ever to average more than 20 points a game in two separate seasons.

Each of those four players had their jerseys retired in special 1978 ceremonies.

No. 3 in honor of Rashad Phillips went up to the catwalks in 2010. The electric guard was a three-year starter for a resurgent Titan squad that went 95-36 in his four seasons on campus. That record included two NCAA tournament

appearances and an NIT Final Four berth in his senior campaign. NCAA tournament wins over St. John's (1998) and UCLA (1999) as well as a run to the NIT Final Four were the highlights of a career that was accentuated with a Midwest Collegiate Conference tournament title in 1999. The 5-foot-10 Phillips racked-up an impressive 2,319 points in a Detroit Mercy uniform, just the second Titan player to eclipse the 2,000-point plateau. He is the school's career leader in points, three-pointers (348) and free throws (541) and is second in steals (190). He was a two-time League Player of the Year (2000, 01) and received the 2001 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as the leading player in the nation standing six-feet-tall and under.

In 2016, the Titans retired the No. 45 jersey of Spencer Haywood. Haywood was also inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015. His only year as a Titan was 1968-69 and is generally considered one of the greatest single-seasons ever in Titan basketball history as he still ranks first in scoring average (32.1), second in total points (771), rebounds (530) and free throws (195) and tied for second in total field goals (288). The 32.1 points was fourth in the NCAA behind only "Pistol" Pete Maravich, Rick Mount and Calvin Murphy, while his 22.1 rebounds led the nation.

In 2017, Calihan Hall was ringing to the sound of "Sweet Doo" as the no. 42 of Terry Duerod was retired. He was one of the best pure shooters in school history as well as in the collegiate game during his time from 1975-79. He ended his career with 1,690 points, fourth when he graduated and still sixth all-time in school history. In 111 career games, he averaged 15.2 points and is among the top 10 career leaders in field goals (third with 790) and field goal attempts (fourth with 1,542). As a senior, he was tabbed an All-American after averaging 23.3 points, seventh in school history at the time and ninth today. He posted a school record with 303 field goals, while his 23.3 points rank eighth in the school record book. His 47-point outburst against CCNY on Feb. 10, 1979, is still the second-best single game performance of any Titan. During his time, he helped lead the Titans to one of their best runs in school history as U-D went 91-22 with three trips to the postseason. The Titans made the NCAA Tournament in 1977 and 1979 and the NIT in 1978.



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In 2020, the Titans retired three jerseys in Earl "The Twirl" Cureton, Willie Green and Eli Holman.

No. 24 will be forever remembered for Cureton. A 12-year NBA veteran and a two-time NBA champion, Cureton suited up for the Titans from 1977-80, playing two seasons after sitting out following his transfer from Robert Morris. He helped U-D back to the NCAA Tournament in his first year as the Titans went 22-6, capturing wins over Oregon, Georgetown and Marquette before coming back to lead another winning season with 14 wins as a senior.

He averaged 11.7 points and a team-high 9.0 rebounds with 1.3 assists, 1.1 blocks and 1.0 steals per game in 1978-79 and then topped the team in scoring (20.0) and rebounding (9.1) to go with 1.6 assists, and 1.7 blocks and steals in 1979-80. He is still 12th all-time in school history in career blocks with 79 - second when he graduated - and was inducted into the Titan Hall of Fame in 2007.

No. 34 is retired for Green, who was a part of four winning seasons from 1999-2003, including a pair of 20-win campaigns and two postseason appearances. As a sophomore, Green helped Detroit Mercy reach the semifinals of the NIT as the red, white and blue knocked out Bradley, Connecticut and Dayton -- all on the road -- as the Titans made their way to Madison Square Garden.

They would end the season by tying a school record with 25 wins and would come back the next season to post 18 wins and qualify for the NIT.

He is still fourth all-time in scoring with 1,779 points, which includes 678 points as a senior, ninth in the Titan record book. As a senior, he was an AP Honorable Mention All-American and the Horizon League Player of the Year after averaging a league-best 22.6 points per game, 12th in school history. During that offensive season, he netted 20 points in 10-straight games.

No. 32 hangs for Holman, who was part of the biggest turnaround in school history as Detroit Mercy went from 7-23 in 2008-09 to 20-14 the following year and a trip to the Horizon League Championship semifinals and an eventual Horizon League Championship and NCAA Tournament bid as a senior.

He became the 34th player in school history to reach 1,000 career points as he averaged 11.5 points and 8.6 rebounds with 29 double-doubles in his three years, while shooting a school-record 61.0 percent from the field. He was also one of the best defensive players in the league as his 163 blocks stand second in school history.

In a special ceremony on Senior Day, Antoine Davis had his number retired. He is the only five-time First-Team All-Horizon League selection, who was the conference's Freshman of the Year as a rookie, the Co-Player of the



Year as a senior and the outright Player of the Year as a graduate senior. He was a USBWA Third Team All-American as a graduate senior, a two-time Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American, a four-time Lou Henson All-American and NABC All-District First Team honoree and a three-time USBWA All-District V pick.

He finished his career holding four NCAA records in total 3-pointers (588), 3-pointers by a freshman (132), consecutive games in double figures (144) and total games in double figures (144). His 3,664 career points are second in NCAA history, just three shy of Pete Maravich's record 3,667, while his 1,219 field goals are sixth all-time in the NCAA record book. Davis' 4.08, three-point field goals per game are third all-time in NCAA history, and he is also the only player to ever post 3,500 points and 500 assists, with his 594 helpers third in the school record book.

Davis owns six of the top 13 scoring performances in school history with 48 points against Wright State in 2019 (2nd and most points by a Titan and HL freshman), 46 against Robert Morris in 2021 (4th), 43 at IUPUI in 2020 (T-7th) and 42 against Loyola Maryland in 2018 (T-11th and the original freshman scoring record), 42 at IUPUI and 42 at Milwaukee in 2023.

Overall, he netted 105 career 20-point games, 40 career 30-point outings and eight 40-point contests in 144 collegiate games - reaching at least 17 points in 125 of them. He also connected on a 3-pointer in 139 of his 144 collegiate games - including 48-straight at one point - and had 82 career games with four or more triples, 33 with six or more, 17 games with seven or more, five games with 10 or more with a Horizon League tournament record 10 against Robert Morris in 2021 and a school-record 11 versus RMU in 2023.