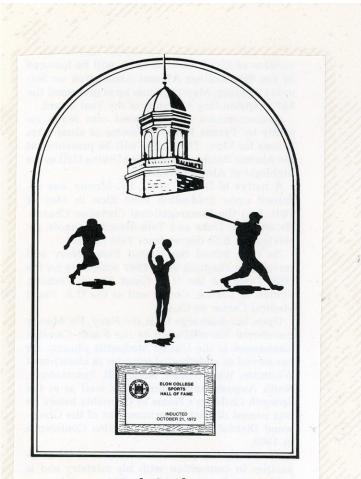
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## **Jack Gardner**

Jack Gardner, a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, would probably have become Elon's first 1,000 point producer had he played out his four years, but the three-time all-conference basketball player had to interrupt his studies after ten games in the 1941-42 season to go to work as his father had tuberculosis. In three and one-half years, Gardner tallied 937 points for the Maroon and Gold and was averaging better than 16 points a game at a time when very few small college cagers were consistent double-figure scorers. He is still 17th on the all-time list of Elon scorers.

Gardner led the team in scoring as a freshman and was named to the All-Conference team for three years. During his junior year, he was also named to the All-Tournament team and was the conference's Most Valuable Player as he set a new season scoring mark for the league with 369 points.

On the baseball diamond, Gardner was a swift shortstop and swung a hot bat. His career batting average for three years was .388 and during his sophomore year he hit .451 to lead the league. ix To Be Inducted Into Sports Hall