



Chuck Semroc, better known as “The Rock” to former teammates, was a 1953 Penn High graduate where he lettered three times in football and once as a wrestler. Selected by football Head Coach Ed Snyder as a co-captain his senior year, Chuck played guard on offense and linebacker on defense. He was named to the All-Northwestern Pennsylvania team as a sophomore and earned second team All-State honors as a senior. The Trojans achieved a combined record of 14-3-1 his junior and senior seasons. In Semroc’s senior season, the defense allowed only 26 points during the team’s 8-1 campaign.

Chuck moved on to Thiel College where he was a four-time letterman for the football team while earning a BS in Chemistry in 1957. He was a two-way starter at guard and linebacker for the Tomcats and co-captained the team his senior season. Semroc was inducted into the Thiel College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.

Following graduation, Chuck spent 36 years as a research chemist with PPG Industries where he was a key contributor and Director of Automotive Topcoats Technology. In 1992, he was inducted into the PPG Technical Collegium in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to PPG’s success. Chuck retired from PPG as Director of Automotive Topcoat Coatings and Resins in 1993 after building sales in that market to over \$200 million.

Chuck married his high school sweetheart, Edna Wolber ’52 and they had three sons – Jeff, Sid and Todd. Over the course of a decade, Chuck hiked the Appalachian Trail with his sons.