



GEORGE "BUD" NELSON
INDUCTED IN 1984
(Plaque #39)

BUD'S FIRST COACHING ASSIGNMENT WAS IN 1956 AS A MEMBER OF THE BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF AT THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL IN LARAMIE AND THE WINNER OF THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP THAT SEASON. HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT WAS AT COKEVILLE, WYOMING WHERE HE COACHED FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND TRACK. NELSON SPENT SIX YEARS AT THE COKEVILLE SCHOOL BEFORE TAKING A POSITION AT THE WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING. AT WWCC HE SERVED AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD BASKETBALL COACH; ALSO COACHING THE GOLF AND TENNIS TEAMS. HE WAS AT WESTERN FOR SIX YEARS.

IN 1970 BUD BECAME AN ASSISTANT IN THE FOOTBALL AND TRACK PROGRAMS (FOR TWO YEARS) AND THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT THE ROCK SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL. HIS COACHING/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CAREER ENCOMPASSED THIRTY-SIX YEARS. DURING HIS TENURE AS AD, ROCK SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS WON TWENTY-SEVEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. NOTED FOR HIS SUCCESS IN BASKETBALL, BUD HAD AN OVERALL RECORD OF 205 WINS, 106 LOSSES.

DURING HIS COACHING CAREER, BUD ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING:

WYOMING COACHES' ASSOCIATION:

- **HALL OF FAME (1984)**
- **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR (1981, 1986, 1989)**
- **BILL FARTHING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (1991)**
- **30 YEAR COACHING AWARD (1987)**
- **HALL OF FAME SECRETARY (1984-92)**
- **RSHS BUILDING REPRESENTATIVE (1980-86)**

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COACHES' ASSOCIATION

- **REGION 7 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR (1989)**
- **NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR (1989)**
- **HALL OF FAME (2008)**

WYOMING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATION

- **ONE OF FOUR A.D. THAT ORGANIZED THE WIAAA**
- **SERVED AS PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY**
- **ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED THE FIRST STATE CONFERENCE**
- **STATE LIAISON MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR NIAAA**

NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATION

- **RECIPIENT OF 25 YEAR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD**
- **NIAAA SECTION 7 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

- **BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEE**
- **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (1992)**

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

- **HALL OF FAME MEMBER OF 1956 BASEBALL TEAM (2006)**