

W.D. (BILL) BRANNIN

Bill Brannin has touched all bases in athletics — player ... coach ... administrator ... sports president ... promoter, and been successful in every segment during his 74 active years. He was a three-year letterman (football, track and boxing) at Albuquerque High under the late F.M. (Tony) Wilson before moving on to UNM, where he was an All-Border Conference halfback under Gwinn Henry as a member of the 1934 football team (1983-84 Hall of Fame induction) as well as talented sprinter in track and welterweight in boxing, graduating in 1935.

Following a stint in the Air Force, Bill served as football assistant at Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech and North Carolina State before turning to high school coaching (football, basketball,

golf) in Atlanta and Charlotte, NC. He compiled an 87-23-7 football record and 143-38 in basketball, backing up the records with crowd-pleasing promotions that drew 25,000 for a prep football game!

Upon his return to Albuquerque in 1956, he spearheaded the development of the Four Hills Country Club and Four Hills Village (then sand dunes and jackrabbits, now the home of the affluent and Charley Pride-Sunwest Bank Tourney. Bill has served as president of the UNM Alumni Association, of the UNM Lettermen's Club, of the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame and is president-elect of the UNM Lobo Club. The Hall of Fame presented him the Award of Distinction in 1984-85.

His biggest boosters are wife, Elois, and son, Wynn.